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Early deadlines

To enable *The CJN* staff to enjoy some vacation time, the newspaper will be closed the week of July 6. As a result, we're printing the July 9 issue earlier than usual. So please make note of these dates.

Editorial deadline is Monday, June 29 at noon.

Advertising deadlines are: classified and organizations: Monday, June 29 at noon; display advertising: Tuesday, June 30 at noon.

As a result of the week-long closing, there will be no issue of July 16. As well, there will be no issues of July 2 and August 6, in keeping with *The CJN's* revised 47 issues a year publishing schedule.

The office will be closed for legal holidays on June 24 and July 1 in Montreal. In Toronto, the office will be closed on July 1 and August 3.

Shul closes doors

By RON CSILLAG

RICHMOND HILL —

Shaareh Haim Congregation, whose finances have been teetering since last winter, has closed its doors.

The synagogue simply ran out of money and the bank was unwilling to extend any more credit, spiritual leader Rabbi Lawrence Troster told *The CJN* Monday morning.

The shul has not declared bankruptcy nor has the bank appointed a receiver, and last-ditch negotiations with the Beaver Creek branch of the Royal Bank continued this week. But Rabbi Troster said he "thoroughly doubts" the synagogue will be rescued.

The shul, located in an affluent bedroom community north of Metro Toronto, conducted Shabbat services last Saturday with a bar and a bat mitzvah. But on Saturday night, most of the board of directors resigned, Rabbi Troster added. He said the synagogue actually ran out of operating funds last Wednesday.

"It's a great tragedy and we're quite devastated. It's been headed this way for the last couple of weeks. One of the problems has been the tremendous uncertainty for the past few months.

"I have no illusions," Rabbi Troster allowed. "We're exploring our options [but] it's very likely [the synagogue] has gone under."

The synagogue's doors were closed Monday morning. An answering machine was handling telephone calls.

The shul's financial woes won't immediately affect the operations of a campus of United Synagogue Day School housed in the building, USDS director Aaron Nussbaum told *The CJN*.

Nussbaum said USDS has an agreement with the bank that will allow the campus to continue operating through the 1992-'93 academic year, regardless of what happens to the synagogue.

USDS has 200 students from junior kindergarten through Grade 4 at its Shaareh Haim branch.

"We're definitely there for next year. We have nothing to worry about until June '93," Nussbaum said.

USDS president Ira Schecter said the campus will continue, whether in Shaareh Haim or elsewhere.

"As long as there is a demand, we'll be there," Schecter said. He said contigency plans are being developed in the event the campus has to vacate Shaareh Haim next June.

Rabbi Troster said a 70-child preschool associated with the shul will very likely continue. The pre-school is located in a small house immediately north of the synagogue's property and is eligible for government aid, he pointed out.

Less clear, however, is the future of the synagogue's 325-student Sunday and afternoon school. Rabbi Troster said he hopes the classes can share space with USDS for the time being.

But he said classes will continue "regardless of location."

Founded in 1976, the 305-family-member Conservative congregation becomes the first Jewish house of worship in Canada to collapse in the recession. Ironically, the shul is located in a suburb that was born of the real estate boom which followed the 1981-'82 economic slump.

Synagogue president Sheldon Rotman had little to say Monday.

He said sensitive negotiations with the bank were scheduled for early in the week and that a statement would be issued later.

Rabbi Troster said the bank would not budge on $300,000 in accumulated interest the congregation owed since a restructuring deal was struck last February.

He said he finds it odd that the bank is willing to be left with debt greater than the congregation's property is worth.

The synagogue nearly ran out of operating funds last Feb. 20, when it reportedly defaulted on a mortgage payment. But it was saved a week later when the Royal Bank agreed to a restructuring that whittled the shul's debt from $4.8 million to $2 million.

Under the plan, the bank agreed to write off $800,000 from the shul's $4.8 million mortgage. The proposal called for USDS to contribute $1.5 million and another $550,000 in three years, while Metro's other Conservative congregations successfully raised $500,000.

At the time, officials said the plan would guarantee the shul's and USDS's viability.

"We thought we had all the pieces together," said Rabbi Troster. "One of the problems has been tremendous attrition among the congregation.

"The bank just refused to extend more credit. I don't know why they did it."

Royal Bank spokesman Chris Anderson told *The CJN* that the bank and the congregation "will continue to work together to explore all options. We're meeting and talking. We're going to continue to do what we can."

Anderson said a meeting between bank officials and the congregation was scheduled for Monday evening.

Taunts flew on eve of Israeli election

By LEORA FRUCHT

JERUSALEM —

A downtown shopping plaza became Jerusalem's version of Hyde Park last Friday as political activists of all parties squared off in a last-ditch attempt to win voters.

Under a scorching sun outside the city's main department store, hundreds of shoppers, yeshiva students and curious observers wandered from one party booth to another looking for a good argument or, at least, some entertainment.

The largest attraction was a curly-haired teenager in jeans canvassing for the secular leftwing Meretz party. The youth infuriated a crowd of ultra-Orthodox men by proclaiming loudly that he didn't believe in God.

"So what are you doing in this country?" taunted one of his black-clad detractors. "Why don't you go live in Switzerland?"

"Because I was born here," shot back the youth, "and I'm prepared to die for THIS country. I'm not prepared to die for Switzerland."

"You wouldn't have to die for Switzerland. No one wants to destroy Switzerland the way they want to destroy Israel," retorted the ultra-Orthodox antagonist.

"Right," said the youth. "And while I'm dying for the state of Israel, you'll be studying in yeshiva. You're the one who shouldn't be in this country."

"Tell him he's an anti-Semite," barked another ultra-Orthodox onlooker.

His consort nodded and repeated the charge: "Anti-Semite," he hissed.

"Now don't you talk like that," interjected a clean-shaven, swarthy man wearing a skullcap. "No matter what happens, after the election we're still all Jews."

Labor candidate Shimon Shitrit (second from left) talks to a group of workers at a cafe in Ashdod during a campaign walk-about last week. [IPPA photo]

"No, they're not Jews," mumbled the Orthodox man, pointing to the Meretz campaign booth. "They are not Jews."

In the Israeli capital, a stronghold of nationalism and ultra-Orthodoxy, a party like Meretz borders on the blasphemous; its supporters, considered provocateurs worthy of special abuse.

"Fascist," cried a muscular man in a Likud T-shirt to another young Meretz activist.

"Believe me," replied the youth in a thick Russian accent, "you have no idea what fascism is. If you only knew ——"

He was interrupted by a flurry of insults from the swelling crowd: Communist, fascist, non-Jews, Arab, pig.

Once again, the clean-shaven dark man in the skullcap appeared. "Stop speaking like that," chided the self-appointed keeper of order. "Don't you see, there's an American television crew there," he said, pointing to a tourist with a video camera. "Those journalists want nothing more than to give the world a distorted picture, to make it seem like we're not united."

Nearby, a black-bearded ultra-Orthodox man was decrying the loss of values among Sephardi youth. "Crime, drugs, alcoholism. Jails that are bursting with our people," he lamented to a dark-skinned Meretz activist who simply nodded sympathetically until the black-bearded man blurted out: "Well, what do you have to say to all this?"

"I agree with you."

"I don't want you to agree with me. I want you to argue with me; try to convince me that your party has the answers," said the disappointed Orthodox interlocuter. "I only approached you because you're a Sephardi, you know."

A look of understanding passed between them. But the unflappable Meretz supporter rejected the challenge. "I couldn't convince you anymore than you could convince me."

Their quiet exchange was a momentary pause in the rising crescendo of shouts and insults.

A group of Meretz activists began chanting "No to religious coercion" as an ultra-Orthodox man proudly told a Spanish television crew: "We are against Zionism. But without us, there's no government." He then dismissed democracy with a wave of his hand and expressed his preference for a country ruled by a descendant of King David. "But in the meantime, until the Messiah arrives, we'd like more money and more religious legislation," he said smiling to the camera.

A boy, wearing a T-shirt scrawled with the words "the Muddle East," accidentally stepped in front of the camera, cutting short the interview.

The entire square was by now bursting with Friday afternoon crowds taking time from errands to watch or join the proceedings. Fists were waving, fingers pointing accusingly, arms gesticulating madly. Passersby had to wade through a thickening pile of party leaflets strewn all over the plaza pavement.

Amidst the strident chorus of charges and counter-charges, one thing became clear: the political activists of Jerusalem's Hyde Park did not win any "converts" to their cause on this sunny Friday afternoon. If anything, the confrontation between different viewpoints only reinforced the deep divide that marked Israeli society on the eve of the elections to the 13th Knesset.

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Canadians', Israeli's contributions recognized

By CYNTHIA GASNER

NETANYA —

As part of a day-long Holocaust remembrance program, the contributions of two Canadian men and one Israeli who had lived in Canada, were remembered recently at the dedications of facilities at the Massuah campus for Holocaust studies at Doar Tel Yitzhak.

Memorials to David Freiman, Konrad Charmatz and Walter Hess were presented as 200 family members and guests attended the inauguration of new facilities and programs at the Massuah dedication ceremony.

The Freiman family of Toronto gathered to dedicate a library in the name of husband, father and grandfather. Esther Freiman, wife of the late David Freiman, was accompanied by her two sons and their wives, Prof. Mark and Kate Freiman, Steven Freiman and Fern Smiley and her grandson, Benjamin Freiman.

A picture of David Freiman was unveiled in the extensive library. Mark Freiman spoke on behalf of the family. He told of his father's survival during the Holocaust and said, "He was a man who knew what it was to be alone."

He read the caption under the picture which began with the words, "Out of the ashes." In a moving tribute to the accomplishments of his father, Mark said he would leave it up to others to talk about the "broad picture of his father's life."

He told of his father's courage during the war "that helped save those who were in the bunker with him."

The David Freiman library will be used as a research facility and house materials to help better understand the Holocaust and help teachers teach the Holocaust.

A conference hall, where a special ceremony took place, was dedicated to the memory of the late Konrad Charmatz by his wife Sarah and daughters Esther Birenzweig and Marlene Charmatz.

Konrad Charmatz, a Holocaust survivor, was active in the Massuah organization. He had been the editor and publisher of a Jewish newspaper in Sao Paulo called *Der Moment* before moving to Toronto.

And a special tribute was paid to the late Walter Hess who was the executive vice president of the United Israel Appeal of Canada. The UIA of Canada is affiliated with the Massuah project.

Dr. Amnon Shiner, the director general of UIA of Canada spoke of Hess as an educator who recognized the potential of Massuah. "Walter had big dreams for the centre — regretfully he did not live to see the complete fulfillment of his dream."

Shinar read a letter from Julia Koschitzky, the president of UIA Canada and the chairman of the worldwide Jewish Agency. She spoke of the accomplishments of Massuah and noted that the UIA was "proud" to be associated with the Holocaust study centre.

Grossman is the chairman of the board of the Canadian Friends of Massuah.

Seen at the dedication of the David Freiman Library on the campus of Massuah are (from left) Alex Grossman, Charles Bendheim of New York, the chairman of the international board of Shaare Zedek Medical Centre and Esther Freiman, wife of the late David Freiman.

Toronto's the place to be, say Israeli vets

TORONTO —

The word is out among the 39,000 members of the Irgun Nachei Zahal (the Israel Defence Force Disabled Veterans Organization): if you go on an overseas visit program, you're lucky if you get sent to Toronto, the city with the most active home hospitality program in the Diaspora.

"I didn't believe people would receive us so warmly. What strikes me is the welcome of people here," enthuses Yossi Cohen, one of 10 IDF vets who spent two weeks in Toronto in May under the auspices of Beit Halochem Canada. It was the 14th annual visit organized by BHC.

"It's impossible to buy a trip like this," adds Cohen. There is no comparison between this visit and a similar stay in Switzerland in 1980, says the 42-year-old Jerusalem, real estate agent.

Revital Rabo, the only woman in the group, agrees. "A special thanks — let it be in the newspaper — to all those who helped us. It was fantastic." The 19-year-old Beersheva native is currently undergoing physiotherapy after being wounded last year.

The group toured Niagara Falls, spent a day at a cottage, took in a Blue Jays game in a box at the Skydome and cruised Toronto harbor. But the most important component of the visit was the friendships that were formed, says Victor Moncarz, whose wife, Sharon, co-ordinated the holiday.

The wounded vets were billeted with congregants of Temple Sinai. In previous years, shuls which have sponsored the visits included Beth Tikvah, Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, Beth David, Adath Israel, Beth Tzedec, Shaarei Shomayim and Holy Blossom.

Julia Sax, BHC's group visit chairman, explains: "You get so much more out of this than you give. You build up a very strong relationship. It's very rewarding. I've been doing this for six years and it doesn't lose anything."

Ned Levitt, who hosted Amir Geller, concurs. "I've never in my life done anything that moved me like this before." Levitt and his family have already made plans for a reciprocal visit to Israel. He says about Geller, the manager of a plastics factory in Kfar Saba, "We're friends for life. You couldn't measure who's getting more out of this. It's a very emotional time."

Beit Halochem Canada is currently raising $2 million toward the equipping of a multi-purpose rehabilitation facility for the 4,500 IDF disabled vets in Jerusalem.

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Menaker keeps Fox's dream alive

By LYN BEN-DAT

TORONTO —

The memory of Terry Fox has touched many of us, but it has affected Lisa Menaker in a more direct way than most.

Menaker was so taken with Fox's courage and strength of character during his 1980 Marathon of Hope, when, although crippled by cancer, he began a run across Canada to raise money for cancer research, that she began to keep a scrap book of his exploits. "He was my first hero," she says.

Now, 11 years later, she herself is being honored as a recipient of the 1992 Terry Fox Humanitarian Awards.

These awards were set up by the government of Canada in 1982 to encourage in Canadian youth the ideals represented by Terry Fox. Funding for the award is generated by a $5 million endowment established to grant scholarships toward higher education.

Menaker is one of 35 students across the country to receive the prestigious award.

The 22-year-old student of occupational therapy at the University of Toronto was honored for her community involvement.

Last year Menaker organized the first Terry Fox Run ever held at U of T. Over $24,000 was raised and she hopes to surpass that at the next run which she is already busy planning.

The annual Terry Fox runs, she says, have continued to grow in terms of participation and financial success, despite the current recession. To date, $90 million has been raised for cancer research. "Everyone has been touched by cancer or knows somebody who has," Menaker explains, " so people understand the need of money for research." Volunteers for the next U of T run, to be held Sept. 20, are currently being sought.

Menaker is also active with the Starlight Foundation of Canada, which grants "wishes" to critically, chronically and mentally ill children and teenagers. She works both as a fundraiser and as a wish-granter, working with the chosen

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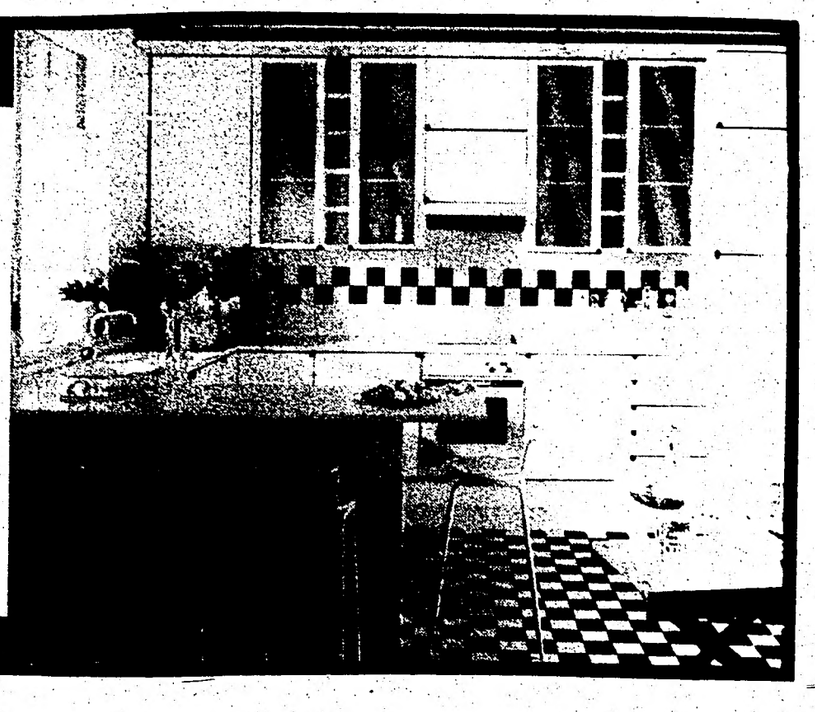

Mixed reviews on immigration

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA —

National Jewish groups have given mixed reviews to a federal proposal that would overhaul Canada's immigration laws.

Among other measures, the sweeping proposals would cut by 40 percent the number of refugee claimants entering Canada and tighten the current determination process by eliminating one of two hearings for claimants.

Ottawa would also award itself the power to tell some immigrants where they must live and would try to shift some refugee traffic to other countries.

Among the most controversial measures in the legislation, introduced in the House of Commons last week as the first major changes to the Immigration Act since 1976, would be the fingerprinting of virtually all refugee applicants to prevent welfare fraud. Those fingerprints could be passed on to police, officials have said.

The bill would also:

• make it easier for Ottawa to deport immigrants on welfare;

• shorten the refugee application process from two years to six months by eliminating the first stage of the hearing process and sending claimants directly to the Immigration and Refugee Board;

• bar refugee claimants who come to Canada from "safe" countries, such as the United States or Europe, thereby cutting back on the number of applicants by as much as 40 percent;

• make it easier for potential immigrants with needed skills to enter Canada if they agree to settle in specific regions of the country for up to two years;

• and set up three different streams of immigrants. The top would include wealthy businesspeople who would face the fewest hurdles, the middle for immediate family members of Canadian residents and the third for standard Geneva Convention refugees who would be selected strictly on merit.

In a statement, B'nai Brith Canada said the proposals address many issues in need of attention, but "the lack of any prior public consultation, and some of the changes themselves, are cause for concern."

BB calls some of the changes "tinkering. The legislation doesn't deal with major concerns which have existed regarding fair procedure."

BB also calls the current appeals process inadequate and wants Ottawa to issue work permits to refugee claimants as soon as they make their claim, and not once their claim is accepted.

Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella said CJC appreciates the need to stem abuses but that changes "must be balanced with a sense of compassion."

Norman Mogil, national president of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, called some of the proposals beneficial but others "appear heavy-handed and may infringe upon basic civil liberties."

Both CJC and JIAS welcome the streamlining of the refugee process and changes that would restrict entry into Canada of those with ties to terrorist organizations.

But both groups say the proposals for fingerprinting refugee claimants appears excessive.

Board's queries concern JIAS

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

The difficulty Jews had in the former Soviet Union of keeping their faith and identification as Jews has come back to haunt them when they apply for entry to Canada on the grounds they will face persecution back in Russia.

Members of the Immigration and Refugee Board are asking them to prove they are Jewish, asking such questions as the dates of the High Holy Days and their meaning.

This unusual twist was revealed by Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, who said many of the Soviet claimants cannot answer the questions.

"There are non-Jews being accepted as Jews and there are Jews being rejected even though they are Jews," Davis told the annual meeting of the Toronto region. "Frankly, we don't know what to do about it."

In 1991, 69 percent of all Soviet claimants, most of them Jewish, were accepted, while in 1992, in the first quarter, a total of 52 percent were accepted, she said.

The collapse of the Soviet Union and conflicting reports about the safety of Jews in its various republics also presents hazards for Soviet Jews seeking admission to Canada, the national director said.

"It depends on what a Board member has read about the situation," she said. "Perhaps he has read a speech by the president of the Ukraine in New York that Jews are welcome in his country and have nothing to fear. But we know from street reports that conditions are not that rosy."

The fact that Jews can go to Israel is another block that some Board members put in the way of a successful application, she said.

JIAS assisted 1,359 individuals who arrived in Toronto in 1991, 85 percent from the former Soviet Union, 8 percent from Eastern European countries, 6 percent from Israel and 3 percent from South America, regional director Perry Romberg said.

Half of the number who arrived filed claims to stay in Canada.

The number of indigent newcomers increased by 40 percent but 70 percent of the total were self-sufficient within six months, Toronto president Norman Mogil said.

Delays in procedures before the Immigration and Refugee Board have resulted in 400 cases among Jewish newcomers being "in limbo", Romberg said. Some have been waiting for a year for a decision.

"There are many valid reasons why people come to Canada instead of going to Israel," he said.

JIAS has been working with former Soviet immigrants who are bringing their relatives over and has obtained financial contributions from them to help defray expenses, Romberg said. This has freed up money for other communal purposes in Toronto.

The Toronto office is working with 35 Jewish lawyers who represent claimants before government bodies, and their contribution is signficant, he said.

A Soviet Jewish immigrant who came to Canada in 1990 will now be able to buy a violin of her own as a result of winning the $2,500 Jack Shindman Scholarship. The scholarship was presented to Marina Zelter, 25, a second year student at the faculty of music, University of Toronto, by Sydney Blinick.

Blinick said the authorities would not allow her to take her violin with her when she left Russia and she has had to rent one in Toronto up to now.

Ryan criticized over inaction

MONTREAL —

Leaders of municipalities in the Sorel area have taken issue with Public Security Minister Claude Ryan over his assertion that he has no legal recourse against a neo-Nazi rally, believed planned for this summer in the area.

The Municipalite regionale de Comte du Bas-Richelieu sent Ryan a copy of a declaration taking aim at his position that even extremists have the freedoms of assembly and speech, and authorities can do little more than assure that public order is maintained.

This was the substance of Ryan's response to a question in the National Assembly from the Parti Quebecois about the rally, purportedly to take place in Ste. Anne de Sorel, July 31-Aug. 2.

An independent anti-racism group, La Ligue Antifasciste Mondiale, told the media last month that it has corroborated that the Quebec wing of the Ku Klux Klan and White Power Canada are planning an "Aryan Festival" that weekend, possibly on one of the islands under the jurisdiction of a town of 3,000, about a half-hour up-river from Montreal.

The mayors emphatically denounced the holding of the rally in their region "by people who want to destroy democracy...[by] Nazis who scorn our friends in the Jewish community..."

The declaration states that the Canadian constitution permits the state to impose "reasonable limits" on such freedom when public security is at stake, citing article 2 (c) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which protects assemblies called for peaceful purposes.

The state's duty is to protect its citizens' security, and the municipalities — which pay the cost of the Surete du Quebec — want to be informed by Ryan on the nature of police protection planned if the rally goes ahead.

"Preaching the supremacy of one race is a violation of the Charter. Encouraging violence is a crime...A democratic society has the duty to defend itself."

The declaration followed on a resolution adopted by the city of Sorel condemning hate propaganda, violence and any sort of discrimination. The city council offered its support to Canadian Jewish Congress and LAM in their efforts to combat racist activity.

In response to a question in the National Assembly on how the government would respond to the rally from PQ member for Joliette, Guy Chevrette, Ryan stated: "One of the basic elements of our philosophy is that the expression of an opinion, even though reprehensible, is infinitely preferable to its repression."

Allowing extremists to gather and express their views has a "more important lubricating effect than authoritarian intervention by the police or government."

While CJC agrees the law allows little latitude for halting such gatherings, community relations director Jack Jedwab termed Ryan's remarks "a bit dismissive."

Representatives of CJC and LAM have met with Ste. Anne de Sorel Mayor Rejeanne Salvail, who is opposed to the rally.

Candle lighting

Candle lighting for Friday, July 3, 1992 is 8:43 p.m. in Toronto and 8:26 p.m. in Montreal. Torah portion for the week of Tammuz 2, 5752 is Korach.

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Canada

Rabbis table move to withdraw

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

A motion by Conservative rabbis in Ontario to withdraw from the Rabbinical Assembly over a variety of controversial issues has been tabled until mid-August.

Almost all of the 16 Conservative rabbis who are members of the Rabbinical Assembly's Ontario region met here last week to discuss their growing "discontent" on a variety of issues, and whether to break off from the RA.

Rabbi Wayne Allen, incoming chairman of the Ontario region of the Rabbinical Assembly, the umbrella organization for North America's Conservative rabbinate, told *The CJN* that his colleagues met to talk about the "direction or the absence of direction" in their movement.

A number of prominent issues were on the table, Rabbi Allen said. They included pluralism, Conservative ideology, ongoing processes and the need to support non-pulpit rabbis.

But Rabbi Allen refused to elaborate, saying the meeting dealt with "sensitive" matters.

He allowed that there is "considerable discontent" among some Conservative rabbis in Ontario.

Rabbi Allen would not speculate on whether a split is developing among the rabbis or whether Ontario's Conservative rabbis might break away from the assembly, in the same way as Conservative cantors in this province have formed a splinter group over the issue of admitting qualified women into the Conservative cantorate.

No resolutions or concrete steps were taken by the rabbis, Rabbi Allen noted.

But Rabbi Lawrence Troster of Shaareh Haim Congregation in Richmond Hill said a motion to break away from RA was on the table.

It was put on the back burner until the Ontario region's next meeting in August, he said.

Rabbi Troster said the motion to withdraw was based on three resolutions adopted earlier this spring by the Conservative movement's highest rabbinic law authority, the committee on law and Jewish standards.

Those resolutions dealt with gender equality, homosexuality and human sexuality.

Meeting in New York in March, the committee voted to accept a minority responsum that Conservative Jewry should no longer view homosexuality as an abomination.

But it also adopted a majority responsum reaffirming that homosexuality is Torah-abhorrent.

According to the movement's rules, both views are now legitimate and can be used as bases for action by rabbis and synagogues.

The committee also voted to set up a commission on human sexuality.

The role of women within Conservative Judaism has long been a source of controversy.

Given an opportunity to vote, Conservative rabbis in Ontario would be split between the right and left, Rabbi Troster feels.

Lipsitz departure has fur flying at Jewish Congress

TORONTO —

Despite efforts to downplay the matter, the fur was flying last week over the sudden departure of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region executive director Edmond Yehuda Lipsitz.

A statement signed by outgoing regional officers Didi Urbach, Sam Sable and Gordon Strauss said, "We are appalled by the process which has apparently led to the unauthorized termination of Dr. Lipsitz's employment.

"As outgoing members of the officers group, we wish to state that the officers were not consulted by Canadian Jewish Congress in connection with the termination by Congress of the employment of Dr. Lipsitz, despite the fact that personnel matters were on the agenda of the last and final officers' meeting of the outgoing administration. The matter was not mentioned then or any time previously.

"Dr. Lipsitz is a senior, long-service employee of Congress and of the community. He deserves to have been allowed the privilege to leave his position with proper dignity," the statement said.

Lipsitz, 68, had been executive director since 1980. An internal CJC memo, dated June 15, told staff that Lipsitz "regrettably has ceased to be" executive director effective June 12.

A strongly-worded June 16 memo from outgoing region officer Ted Matlow to newly-elected region chairman Gerda Frieberg said the process by which Lipsitz was "terminated" is "legally and morally wrong."

Matlow, a judge of the Ontario Court (General Division), blamed the personnel committee for the Lipsitz matter: "No group of persons, despite their good intentions, has the authority to terminate the employment of the most senior employee of Congress in our region and expose Congress to the prospect of litigation without the authority of the officers.

"In this instance, not only did the personnel committee not have the authority of the officers, but a deliberate effort was made by those involved to conceal the entire matter from the officers, apparently on the basis of some incomprehensible advice from [legal] counsel."

But two days later, Matlow reconsidered.

In another memo to Frieberg, faxed to *The CJN*, Matlow said he has been "persuaded that the members of the personnel committee genuinely believed that they were acting in accordance with precedent and that they had the authority to do what they did."

Matlow adds that he does "not attribute any improper motives or immoral conduct" to members of the personnel committee.

Neverthless, he stresses that he still feels the personnel committee "erred in failing to obtain the authority of the officers to do what they did."

Frieberg had no comment on the affair.

"You'll get no statement from me," she said. "I haven't really taken over yet. I have no officers and no executive."

Elections for a regional executive, officers and a vice-chairman are slated for June 30.

Frieberg said the Lipsitz matter was dealt with by the previous administration's personnel committee, chaired by Mira Koschitzky.

Neither Koschitzky nor Lipsitz had any comment last week.

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Covenant Award to Tova Shimon

MONTREAL —

Tova Shimon, director of curriculum development of the Jewish Education Council of Montreal (JEC) of Federation CJA, has been named a recipient of the prestigious Covenant Award, presented annually to exceptional North American Jewish educators. She is the first Canadian to receive the award, which will be presented in September in St. Louis, Mo.

Now in its second year, the Covenant Award is sponsored by the Crown Family Foundation and administered by the Jewish Education Service of North America (JESNA) to honor those who have made substantial contributions to Jewish education in North america through their creativity and commitment.

Tova Shimon

Besides her numerous teaching positions at Akiva Elementary School, Herzliah High School and McGill University, Shimon has provided the impetus to the development of the JEC's Tal Sela program, a multidimensional Hebrew language arts program taught in Montreal's Jewish day schools and in over 125 schools worldwide. The Tel Sela curriculum, currently covering grades 2-6, aims to teach the Hebrew language through exploration of Jewish heritage and its relevance to modern life. Plans are underway to pilot test a new Grade 1 curriculum which will integrate the teaching of Hebrew language, Torah, prayers, and laws and customs.

Shimon is immersed in every aspect of Tal Sela. She followed its inception through to its implementation in day schools, maintains constant contact with teachers and students and has, with her team, recently completed the sixth Master Teacher Institute for Jewish educators implementing Tal Sela.

Shimon has previously received several awards for outstanding achievement in Jewish education, including the Safra Authors Award, presented by the Educators' Council of America, and the Jacob Zipper Award for Jewish Education, presented by the Montreal Jewish Public Library.

The goal of the Crown Family Foundation is to build on existing strengths within the field of Jewish education in North America across all denominations and all educational settings, thus to emphasizing the importance of education in perpetuating the identity and heritage of the Jewish people.

Women's Network fights for sexual equality in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"Declarations of equality [in Israel] didn't mean we really had equality," said the author of the soon-to-be published first Hebrew textbook on law and gender.

Frances Raday, a senior lecturer at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem's law faculty and the founder of the legal arm of the Israel Women's Network, was in Toronto recently as part of a North American speaking tour. The Israel Women's Network is Israel's foremost women's advocacy organization and a major beneficiary of the New Israel Fund.

An example of the type of inequality Raday has fought successfully is a case concerning El Al ground stewardesses who had been denied promotions to station managers because El Al management said that women couldn't do the job. "It was that statement of defiance that made me determined to put out a textbook, and in Hebrew," said Raday, who immigrated in 1968 from her native England, where she had studied law at the London School of Economics.

In the early years of the State, said Raday, the feeling of equality between the sexes was very strong, and in secular life was probably more developed than in the Western world.

She attributes the subsequent deterioration in attitude to two factors, she told *The CJN* in an interview. Women's training in the army, "during a formative period of their lives, has probably led Israeli women not to have radical expectations of equality," because women play a secondary role, do not serve in fighting units, and serve a shorter period of time than men.

The second factor, for Jewish women, is religious. "The Orthodox religious institutions, which are clearly patriarchal, have control over important areas like marriage and divorce, undermine [women's] autonomy as individuals, and radiate inequality beyond the reaches of just the divorce situation," says Raday.

The Israel Women's Network Legal Centre achieved an enormous leap forward in the years between 1987

Frances Raday

and 1992 in the field of socioeconomic equality, Raday says. "We got laws passed on equal retirement age, equal employment opportunities, on division of matrimonial property, the prevention of violence in the family [and other issues] in a five-year period."

A landmark case concerned three women professors — department heads — at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, who were told they would have to retire five years earlier than their male counterparts, at age 60 instead of 65. The case went to the regional labor court, where it dragged on for two years.

"When we saw that the court was not well disposed to their claim," recalls Raday, "we asked American women to intervene and Betty Friedan and Elizabeth Holtzman were in fact instrumental in getting the Hadassah women in America to demand that Hadassah Hospital's administration in Jerusalem give women equal retirement age.

"We were two years in court, but the final part of it took a week. Men and women professors can now both work until age 65, and, says Raday, the original plaintiffs, who are now in their late 60s, are still working at Hadassah "because they are such exceptional people, but while the discriminatory rule was in place, Hadassah wasn't prepared to let them stay beyond the age of 60."

"But [because this was an agreement and not a judicial decision] we wanted all women to have equal retirement age, the right to work to 65, so we brought a case against the Jewish Agency, which had the same rule that women had to retire early."

In 1990, after six years of battling the case, they ended up in Israel's Supreme Court which ruled in their favor.

Since that time, says Raday, the right to economic equality is well established as a judicial principle applying to everybody in Israel on a racial basis, on an ethnic basis, on a religious basis or on a gender basis.

Human rights tribunal looking into allegations against Liberty Net

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal hearing complaints against Canadian Liberty Net, a Vancouver outfit which allegedly spread hate messages by phone, will continue its work on Aug. 24 after sitting for five days (commencing May 25) without getting testimony from all the witnesses.

The complaints were filed by Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region and the Committee for Racial Justice, who claimed Canadian Liberty Net violated Section 13 of the Human Rights code, which prohibits dissemination of hate messages by phone.

Until the hearings are completed and the tribunal renders a verdict, the Liberty Net messages have been stopped by an injunction issued by Federal Court Judge Francis Muldoon (April 23 *CJN*).

Intensive questioning of witnesses and a series of motions by Canadian Liberty Net's lawyer, Doug Christie, slowed the hearings to a crawl and John Finlay, who represented the Canadian Human Rights Commission, was able to call only four witnesses.

At the beginning of the hearings, Christie challenged the impartiality of the three tribunal members, but Grant Sinclair, chairman of the panel, said panel members are appointed under federal statutes and unlike jurors, in a short trial, do not have to prove their lack of bias. Sinclair declared, however, that none of the tribunal members was affiliated in any way with the complainant organizations.

Finlay was able to enter into evidence transcripts of Canadian Liberty Net's recorded phone messages and he called Bart Testa, of the University of Toronto, to testify on the effect of these messages on listeners. Testa, an expert in semiotics, a study of communications, told the tribunal that the premise of the messages was to expose Jews and nonwhites to hatred and contempt solely because of who they are. The messages were taped by an investigating officer of the CHRC.

Aziz Khaki, president of the Committee for Racial Justice, said the messages fostered racial hatred.

A security officer for B.C. Tel verified that the messages originate on phones installed at a Vancouver residence by Canadian Liberty Net.

In the messages transcribed by the CHRC, Canadian Liberty Net claims to "promote cultural and racial awareness amongst white people," and before it was stopped by injunction, the phone service offered a "menu" of messages which could be heard by pressing numbers on a touch tone phone. There were "Canadian selections" and "American selections."

One message told of Ernst Zundel's trial in Munich on Nov. 5, 1991. "He was found guilty on March 28 of this year for making revisionist films, videos and radio broadcasts in the early 1980s . . . Zundel was convicted for saying that the diary of Anne Frank was exaggerated . . . In Germany it is a crime not to believe in the Holocaust and to doubt that homicidal gas chambers existed in Nazi Germany to execute people."

A message about a "kosher tax" was described as an "eye opener." It told listeners that "telltale symbols" such as a small K in a circle, a tiny U in a circle and the letters COR in a circle indicated the product is fit for consumption under Jewish dietary law. These symbols are authorized by rabbis "for a substantial fee" and this cost "is passed on to you."

The message calls on listeners to boycott kosher items and write to the manufacturers and tell them why. "You can usually find non-kosher substitutes for most."

Program 'links' parents, children

MONTREAL —

As of mid-April, the Family Link program of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE), of Federation CJA (formerly Allied Jewish Community Services), has been in operation.

In response to the growing numbers of children that live out of Montreal, or work out of town for long periods of time, away from aging relatives, JSSE responded to the need for a quick response system for the family member living alone. This "reassurance" system, Family Link, provides professional support and reports to the child away from his or her relative.

Lily Shatsky, executive director of JSSE, hopes this program "will help to support the services currently provided to the elderly,

As well, Shatsky feels that emotional pressure on a child can be alleviated through this program. Shatsky cites an example: "Mr. R. lives in Montreal. He is 86 years old, two of his children live out of Montreal, while a third travels often on business. Mr. R. is basically independent, but he recently had surgery. His child is going on an extended business trip and worries that she should cancel her trip.

"The business traveller, in this case, through Family Link, is taken care of. She can go on her trip, knowing she will receive professional reports regarding her father."

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A special general meeting of the members of he JIAS Canada is called for Wednesday, 5 August 1992, 8:00 p.m. at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, Toronto, Ontario to confirm the by-law amendments approved by the JIAS Board of Directors on 30 April 1992.

A copy of the by-law amendments can be obtained from the JIAS Canada National Office at 4600 Bathurst Street, Suite 325, Toronto, Ontario, M2R 3V3 or by telephoning 416-630-9051.

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Judge Wine

Appearances can be deceiving. Judge Hubert Wine, who recently retired from Ireland's Dun Laoghaire District Court just outside Dublin, is a case in point. His soft-spoken, distinguished manner belies the maverick spirit that caused him to be described as controversial and courageous but more often as "the compassionate judge" in a case that received wide media coverage in Ireland two years ago.

To the delight of the media and the dismay of the government, Judge Wine remanded the case 10 times until he was satisfied that the government would provide a suitable rehabilitation facility for a teenage girl who had been charged with attacking the child of her foster mother.

Judge Wine is the lay leader of Dublin's Jewish community. While in Toronto on a recent visit, he spoke with CJN reporter Frances Kraft about the Irish Jewish community and the unique issues facing Jews and others in a Catholic country.

CJN: *Tell me a bit about the Irish Jewish community and your role in it.*

Wine: I'm chairman and president of the Jewish Representative Council of Ireland. The Rep Council has 33 members, and each member represents an institution, believe it or not, in this small Jewish community of 1,200 people.

It used to be 5,500, but [partly] because of aliyah, it has diminished. I think it's finally stabilized. We have a history going back a few hundred years and at one stage it got down to 1,000.

[The community] is vital. We have Youth Aliyah, B'nai Brith, Hadassah, the Dublin Maccabi Association.

We have Stratford College, of course. It's funded by the government, which would interest you. Most of the Jewish children are educated in this day school. It started off with 100 percent Jewish boys and girls, from kindergarten up until they go to college, but because of the diminution in the size of the community, it is now about 50 percent non-Jewish.

We won the first prize last year as the best Jewish school in the world, and we went to Israel to receive it from President Herzog. He was thrilled, of course, being Irish.

CJN: *Tell me about your synagogue.*

Wine: There are two [large] shuls in the area and a small, ultra-Orthodox one.

My shul is the [100-year-old] Dublin Hebrew Congregation, but we call it Adelaide Road. It is the main synagogue. It's the most beautiful, magnificent synagogue. Anybody coming from Europe says it's one of the finest they've ever seen.

We get about 75 to 100 on a Saturday morning. On big occasions we get about 250 to 300.

CJN: *How do you get kosher meat in Dublin?*

Wine: We have our own slaughterhouse. We have a little difficulty at the moment on that, because although it's in the constitution that we have our own way of killing, the slaughterhouse now is in [an area with] a lot of new houses going up around it. We're discussing with the corporations what can be done.

CJN: *Is there Jewish life to speak of outside of Dublin?*

Wine: No. There are two Jewish families in Limerick, and in Cork we have to send up one or two to make a minyan in the shul there for the Yomim Nora'im.

CJN: *Does each synagogue in Dublin have a rabbi?*

Wine: No. (The chief rabbi divides his time between the two main synagogues.)

We used to have more than one. Chief Rabbi [Isaac] Herzog was the first Chief Rabbi of Ireland, zichrono livracha. He was the father of Chaim and Yaakov (Jacob), alavashalom.

Ireland's very famous in providing, it would appear, the best rabbonim in the world. After all, Chief Rabbi Herzog left us to become chief rabbi of Israel. We later had Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, who [is now] Lord Jakobovits and the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire.

CJN: *Do you have any personal memories of Chaim Herzog or his father?*

Wine: Yes, I certainly do. I grew up with the Herzog family. Yaakov was my best friend. Every Shabbat, alternatively, I would go to their home and spend the day there, and the following Shabbat, the two boys would come to my home.

I was invited to Chaim's inauguration [as president of Israel].

CJN: *What do you remember about President Herzog's inauguration?*

Wine: It was just like a coronation, the horse and carriages, and down the street there were crowds, children, people cheering.

I said, "Don't worry, we'll be able to manage it." A week afterwards I arrived home, and by crossfire — and it *was* crossfire — an Irish soldier unfortunately died.

The funeral was on Shabbat. I walked, and it was a long way to walk, against the wishes of my colleagues.

There were about 10,000 people at this funeral. The Taoiseach (prime minister, Charles Hoy at that time) insisted that I walk right behind the bier with him. That's just a little example of respect.

The parents said to me that they'd go back to Israel tomorrow. They said the Israelis were magnificent. They couldn't speak more highly of the treatment they had.

So there is no anti-Semitism there. None.

CJN: *I understand there are a number of Jewish politicians in Ireland.*

Wine: Yes. There are three TD's (Teachtai Dala, which are the equivalent of Members of Parliament).

You know we had a Jewish lord mayor, the late Robert Briscoe. His son is one of the TDs, Ben Briscoe. He was lord mayor of Dublin about two years ago.

CJN: *Have you ever experienced anti-Semitism in Ireland, especially in your legal career, as you were only the second Jewish judge in Ireland?*

Wine: Never.

CJN: *Is there an awareness among the Catholic community that there is a Jewish community in Dublin?*

Wine: Very much so. The chief rabbi is given tremendous respect and status. He is given television for Pesach and Rosh Hashanah. He has his own speech and he gets about 10 or 15 minutes on TV. He's invited to every important state function.

And the lay leader of the community gets the same sort of treatment. There is real derech eretz (respect). That is something, perhaps, unusual.

Just to give you an example of this, I remember I came over to Israel (when Irish soldiers were in the Middle East as UN peacekeepers) and the late Menachem Begin said to me, "Hubert, I am really worried about the Jewish community in Ireland. What would happen if, God forbid, one of our soldiers did kill an Irish soldier?"

CJN: *In the case that got so much publicity two years ago, you forced the government to provide badly needed facilities for teenage girls who were in trouble with the law. Have those changes come about?*

Wine: Yes. I've inspected the facilities. They're not to my liking 100 percent, but one is close. The other one is not sufficiently safe.

There was always one institution for boys only, and that *is* a safe place of detention.

[Before the case two years ago, girls] were put in Mountjoy [prison], to which I had great exception. The suicide rate in Mountjoy was shocking and still is, and the risk of HIV is tremendous. I object to a youngster of that age going to a prison.

CJN: *How did you deal with cases involving young female offenders in the past?*

Wine: They didn't come so much before me. There is a juvenile court in Dublin, but I was in Dun Laoghaire.

CJN: *Why do you think that nobody had ever addressed the issue before in the way you did?*

Wine: For 21 years they shoved it under the carpet. It wasn't just this government. It was successive governments. I took a risk and I said, "You can do what you like. I don't care. Take me to the Supreme Court. I know I'm right."

It was a challenge, and I like a challenge.

CJN: *There are a number of legal issues, such as abortion, that are contentious even in a non-Catholic country. What insights can you provide on the recent case involving the teenage girl who'd been raped and who ended up going to England for an abortion?*

Wine: The attorney general was quite correct in law. If that young girl, like so many thousands of others, had gone to England and kept it quiet, nothing would have happened, but because she didn't, it came to the government's attention. It's history now, but they'll have to have a referendum.

CJN: *Do you mean that nothing has changed from a legal standpoint, even though there's been a precedent?*

Wine: Although the Supreme Court gave her the right to travel for the abortion, they said, and I suppose rightly so, that there has to be a referendum, let the people decide.

The same thing as divorce.

CJN: *What do people do in Ireland if they want a divorce?*

Wine: Divorce isn't legal in Ireland. If there's a problem, you go to England, you get a civil divorce, and then, if [you're Jewish and] you want to remarry, you obtain a get from the Bet Din in London. That's recognized by the Jewish community, and you can get remarried in England. If you come back to Ireland, you're a bigamist in law.

Before I went on the bench, I went to the minister of justice at the time, and told him that unfortunately I'd had a separation and the likelihood was that I would be divorced. I said, "I don't want you to have second thoughts afterwards because you don't appear to have had a divorced judge on the bench.

CJN: *Has divorce been a problem for others in Ireland who are in the public eye?*

Wine: If you look 'round at my colleagues, quite a number of them are divorced, and they haven't been charged with bigamy. Of the government, quite a number have remarried. In fact, one or two judges have remarried.

CJN: *What about the issue of birth control? I understand the sale of condoms, which used to be a big issue in Ireland, is now legal.*

Wine: That was legalized, but they don't advertise. The doctors, because of AIDS, are advertising like mad. There's no question about it. Condoms have to be used. The minister of health is turning a blind eye to everything now. He has to.

The police used to raid the shops that had condoms. They are legal now, but you have to ask for them. The doctor gives you a prescription. They're not by prescription only, just to make sure that there's no embarrassment.

CJN: *Has anything been done about children begging on the streets in Dublin?*

Wine: It's improved a bit, but what saddens me is the escalation of crime amongst the juveniles. I've seen their grandfathers and their fathers in my court, and now I see these children. You'll find a father at four in the morning with his child breaking and entering. Now what sort of an example is that? It's just tragic.

CJN: *How do you balance the needs of the young offenders, especially the violent ones, with the right of the public to safety?*

Wine: In my book, you have two duties. You have a duty to the public first of all, to ensure that juvenile delinquency does not get out of hand, and to the juvenile to ensure a safe place of detention.

You have to nip this in the bud. A new child care [law] which I was instrumental in having legislated was legislated in July of last year but will not be implemented until 1993.

When I retired, I slammed the goverment for this, because this is, again, sheer neglect. You have to keep at them. Don't worry. While there's breath in me, I'll do it somehow, from some different position, but it's easier from the bench.

Lebanese drug lords 'milk' Israeli market

BOSTON —

Lebanese drug lords in the Syrian-occupied Bekaa Valley are shipping narcotics into Israel in "alarming" quantities, both for profit and as part of an effort to weaken Israel's younger generation, Israel's ambassador to the United States, Zalman Shoval, charged last week.

Addressing a dinner to raise funds for Israel's first hospital-based drug facility — the Adelson Clinic of Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center — Ambassador Shoval said: "For Syria, the PLO and Iran, there is more than just profit in producing drugs and selling them to Israel — there is the chance to succeed with drugs where weapons have failed. For nations hostile to Israel, shipping drugs is but a subtler form of combat.

Used to fund terrorists

"It is an assault from the inside, an effort to poison the roots instead of trying to chop down the whole tree," he said, adding: "We in Israel will not allow this to happen."

Shoval said that profits from the sale of hashish and heroin estimated at more than $4 billion annually in Lebanon alone — have become a major source of funding for PLO terrorist operations, the result of a "new alliance" between international drug barons and terror groups that poses "a growing threat to Israel and the world's democracies.

"Now that the Cold War is over, terrorist groups that formerly got their money from the Kremlin are scrambling for a new patron — and some have found it in drugs," Shoval said. Recently, he added, "the Lebanese growers and their Syrian overlords have brought in Iranians and other foreign experts to help maximize their profits."

Without giving details, he said that the United States and Israel are "cooperating" in efforts to diminish the flow of drugs from Lebanon and other countries.

The new drug clinic named for Sheldon Adelson, a Boston-based business executive, and his wife, Dr. Miriam Ochshorn Adelson, an internist and drug-addiction specialist, who were honored at the dinner. More than $500,000 was raised at the event toward construction of the Adelson Clinic, which is expected to open later this year.

Dr. Dan Michaeli, a former surgeon-general of the Israel Defence Forces who is now director-general of the Sourasky Medical Center, told 300 dinner guests that the clinic would carry out a three-point program of treating drug abusers, conducting research and training physicians, counselors and other professionals on addiction prevention and rehabilitation. Dr. Ochshorn Adelson will serve as the U.S.-based consulting director of the clinic.

Until now, Dr. Michaeli said, hospitals in Israel have refrained from establishing drug clinics because of the alleged "stigma" attached to such facilities. "However," he added, "the rising use of drugs has magnified the problem and underlined the need for drug treatment units."

He said there were an estimated 35,000 drug addicts in Israel.

Shoval hailed the Adelson Clinic as "the first major step toward a real national program for the treatment and rehabilitation of drug abuse victims in Israel."

Such facilities are "urgently needed," he said, "because Israel is surrounded by some of the world's biggest exporters of drugs. When you live next door to some of the world's biggest drug producers, as Israel does, you can be sure that someone will be trying to sell drugs to your children."

Ethiopians seeking aliyah

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Ferris Mora, descendants of Ethiopian Jews who converted to Christianity, appear far from their goal of coming to Israel following the return here of a government-appointed fact-finding team.

Rabbi Moshe Waldman, representing the Chief Rabbinate, and Yisrael Kimchi, of the Interior Ministry, said they visited scores of villages in their month-long visit to Ethiopia and conducted "a very thorough inquiry."

Their conclusion, they said, was that the Ferris Mora had largely converted to Christianity 100 years ago, and today lead a totally un-Jewish life.

The Ferris Mora are estimated to number at least 25,000 and perhaps even 75,000. Accurate counts are hampered by the lack of population registries in Ethiopia, as well as by the fact that much of the population in the country's Gondar province is at least partially descended from the Jewish kingdom that ruled the area centuries back.

An immediate protest to the report came as dozens of Ethiopian immigrants demonstrated outside the prime minister's office in Jerusalem in support of the early immigration of the Ferris Mora.

"We want our mothers," "We want our fathers," the placards read. Several of the demonstrators told reporters that their families were split by the government's policy not to facilitate the immigration of the group.

A few of them had made it to Israel despite the government's policy — and they were now campaigning on behalf of all the rest still living in Ethiopia.

The campaign has been joined by Gush Emunim leader Hanan Porat, a Knesset member from the National Religious Party, and Yehuda Etzion, one of the leaders of the Jewish terrorist underground that plotted attacks against Arab mayors on the West Bank and the destruction of the Dome of the Rock.

But representatives of the 55,000 Ethiopian Jews now living in Israel are divided about supporting the Ferris Mora. Some of the Ethiopian Jews angrily charge the Ferris Mora with hindering Ethiopian Jews fleeing Ethiopia in 1984.

Reporting on his mission's findings, Waldman told the *Ma'ariv* daily: "We have reached the definite conclusion that the people concerned are today living as Christians in every respect, and no amount of lobbying in Israel can change that fact. Certainly there is the possibility of bringing them back to Judaism. But it is not going to be easy."

That task should be undertaken in Ethiopia, the fact-finders urged, and only then should those who have been brought back to the Jewish fold be aided in making aliyah.

They recommended that the Israeli authorities begin the task with the group of some 3,000 Ferris Mora presently assembled in Addis Ababa and pressing to be taken to Israel.

The full report of the fact-finding mission has been submitted to the Cabinet Secretary and to the two chief rabbis of Israel.

Berman may be free to go to Israel

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Dmitri Berman, the Soviet Jew who hid out in the Canadian Embassy in Moscow for six months, is being allowed to go to Israel, despite a murder charge hanging over his head.

This is the word received in Toronto by Bert Raphael, who is one of his lawyers, and also president of the Canadian Lawyers and Jurists for Soviet Jewry.

"Apparently the Ukrainian authorities, who wanted him to stand trial again, have made no move to re-arrest him and the Russians have no objection to him going to Israel," Raphael told *The CJN*.

The original conviction against Berman for murdering a Moldavian sailor in the Soviet forces was set aside by an appeal court but when he went to pick up his visa to Israel in his hometown of Nikolayev in the Ukraine his passport was seized and he was told he must stand trial again. That is when he headed for Moscow and refuge in the Canadian Embassy.

The Ukrainian authorities refused to drop the murder charge against Berman all the time he was in the embassy, claiming they had new evidence.

When Berman and his father left the Canadian Embassy recently it was to an unannounced location. It is believed the Israeli Embassy in Moscow played a part in Berman leaving his refuge.

"It's an unusual conclusion to a strange case," said Raphael who went to the former Soviet Union several times to interview Berman and to try to get the Ukrainian procurator to reveal the new evidence against Berman. Raphael has had several letters from Berman since he left the embassy and he communicates with the Soviet Jew through a box number. The Toronto lawyer said he does not know if Berman is still in Moscow. The information that Berman has had approval to go to Israel did not come from the Soviet Jew but from "other sources."

Raphael said he expects to see Berman and his father in Israel in December. Berman's brother and mother already live there.

The late Andrei Sakharov initiated the process which saw a successful appeal in the murder conviction against Berman.

The 28-year-old Soviet Jew maintained he was tortured into signing a confession for a crime he did not commit. There were appeals from Soviet Jewry committees worldwide on his behalf.

Israeli envoys to join in their first election

TORONTO —

For the first time in the history of the State of Israel, Israeli envoys participated in an election.

A total of 3,222 Israeli representatives of the Government of Israel, the Jewish Agency, Zionist Federation, and Jewish National Fund voted in the election of the 13th Knesset in 85 Israeli diplomatic missions around the world.

The largest number of voters, 377, was at the Consulate General of Israel in New York. The smallest was at the Israeli Embassy in La Paz, Bolivia, where three Israeli envoys will vote.

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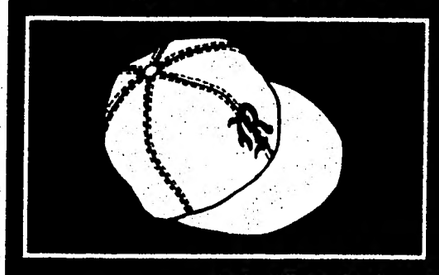
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Auschwitz to get new plaques

NEW YORK (JTA) –

A recent decision to replace commemorative plaques at the Auschwitz and Birkenau death camps highlighted ongoing efforts to preserve the camps and memorialize their victims.

After two years of debate over wording, the plaques, which previously had not made any mention of the Jewish nature of the crimes committed at the Polish death camps, are being replaced with new signs created by the International Council of the State Museum in Auschwitz.

Meanwhile, the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation, which has been working to preserve the camps and their collections of artifacts, is seeking $42 million from Western European governments, with half that sum requested from Germany.

The 24 members of the Auschwitz museum council, most of whom are survivors of the Holocaust, have agreed finally on the way the new plaques at the death camps will be worded.

"It took a long time to reach a decision, because everyone believed that their tragedy should be emphasized," said Kalman Sultanik, a vice chairman of the Auschwitz museum council and co-chair of the Lauder Foundation's preservation project.

The old plaques, put in place by the Communist government of Poland shortly after the end of World War II, read: "This is the place of martyrdom and death of 4 million victims murdered in the Nazi genocide, 1940-45."

The number of people initially believed to have died at the camps has been revised by scholars of the Holocaust, who say that the number is actually about 1.5 million.

The old plaques were removed after Poland's Communist regime was voted out of power.

The new plaques will be installed in the coming weeks, in Polish, English and Hebrew at the entrances of Auschwitz and Birkenau, according to Sultanik, and read:

"In 1940 the Nazis established the Auschwitz camp which became a symbol of inhuman terror and genocide. After its enlargement, the camp consisted of three parts: Auschwitz I, Auschwitz II-Birkenau, Auschwitz III-Monowitz and more than forty sub-camps.

"The first to be imprisoned and die here were Poles. In 1941, Soviet prisoners of war were placed in the camp.

"From 1942 the Nazi plan for the total annihilation of European Jewry was carried out in the gas chambers of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

"From 1943 Gypsies were also killed here.

"Men, women, children and infants were murdered here on a mass scale."

Another plaque in Birkenau is to read; "Let this site remain for eternity as a cry of despair and a warning to humanity. About a million and a half men, women, children and infants, mainly Jews from different countries of Europe were murdered here. The world was silent. — Auschwitz-Birkenau 1940-45."

A quote from the Book of Job will be included: "Oh earth, cover not my blood. And let my cry never cease."

And in a related development, the building at Auschwitz which is currently occupied by Carmelite nuns will be vacated by November, when they move to their new convent a short distance away from the death camp.

The building in which they have been living will be turned over to the Auschwitz museum council, according to Sultanik.

That building will fall under the aegis of the Lauder Foundation's preservation project.

Holocaust information boosted

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO –

Films of the destruction and robbery of Jewish property in German-occupied territories of the former Soviet Union are among archival materials made available recently to Yad Vashem. They also include lists of Jewish victims and local collaborators and films of the work of Jewish and non-Jewish resistance fighters.

The tremendous importance of archives discovered in Eastern Europe was outlined to a meeting of the Holocaust remembrance committee at the Lipa Green Building by Bronia Klibanski of Jerusalem, one of the major organizers of the archives and museum at Yad Vashem.

"We are only at the beginning," she told the well-attended meeting. "These documents and other materials will help us to understand what happened during the Holocaust. There are a tremendous number still to be studied. They were kept in archives all over the former Soviet Union."

One of the most eagerly awaited events is the publication of the "black book", a compilation of the work of the Soviet Anti-Fascist Committee whose leading members visited Canada during World War II. The publication became possible, Klibanski said, when the Russian government finally made the records of the committee available to the Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Committee of the United States. The KGB had previously refused access to them. They include 27 large volumes, of records of the only Jewish organization allowed to function in Russia during the war.

Among the most important materials are those obtained from the Soviet Commission to Investigate Extraordinary Crimes, she said. These included 40,000 files and films of trials of German war criminals.

The archives in Odessa proved a treasure trove, providing knowledge of what happened to Jews in Romania.

Though there are no official figures on how many Jews in the former Soviet Union died in the Holocaust, she said an informed estimate is that the figure was 1,000,000. It is estimated that 2,100,000 Jews lived in the territories occupied by the Germans.

Hungarian compensation

TORONTO –

Hungary recently enacted two pieces of legislation allowing victims of Holocaust, among others, compensation for both lost real estate and for death or imprisonment (CJN June 11).

According to Lajos Mayer, consul at the Hungarian embassy in Ottawa, forms under which applications for compensation can be made have not yet been received by Hungarian diplomats in Canada, although he hopes they may be available after June 23 at consulates in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary and Ottawa.

The forms are currently available at post offices in Hungary, he said.

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Crown Heights rioting leaves mark on Lubavitch enclave

By DOROTHY LICHTBLAU

CROWN HEIGHTS, N.Y. —

It is almost a year since rioting catapulted the name of this Lubavitch enclave in Brooklyn, New York into international headlines. Today, residents focus on errands and work and the streets are untroubled, but the events of August 19, 1991 have left a residue of insecurity in the community.

On that hot summer day, Joseph Lifsh, part of the entourage which accompanied Rebbe Menachim Schneerson, leader of the Lubavitch movement, to his predecessor's graveside, accidentally ran over and killed 7-year-old Gavin Cato. The death of this young African-American ignited a rampage of looting and beatings during which Yakov Rosenbaum, an Australian visiting the United States to do research about the Holocaust, was killed and angry black protesters marched into the neighborhood, burned an Israeli flag and shouted anti-Semitic slogans.

Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky, spokesman for the Lubavitch and one of Rebbe Schneerson's secretaries, claims that what happened was a pogrom, sparked by "a combination of tragic accident and the exploitation of a frustrated group of people." The event was not a confrontation, he insists, but an assault organized by agitators who brought mobs from outside Crown Heights and incited them to hatred, violence and anti-Semitism.

Rabbi Krinsky is quick to point out that within the neighborhood there is little conflict between black and Jew. In fact, he sees Crown Heights as an "oasis" of harmony and decency surrounded by devastated Brownsville, Bedford Stuyvesant, and East Flatbush.

Crown Heights, says Rabbi Krinsky, has survived the onslaught of poverty, crime, and drugs due to the Chassidim and their adherence to Torah law and the efforts of Rebbe Schneerson to maintain dialogue with the leaders of various area groups through the establishment of an interfaith council.

Rabbi Krinsky also emphasizes that last summer's occurrence is past history. The community is now back to normal.

But on the streets, not all echo these sentiments. A young mother of three on shopping rounds confides that she is never free of tension and fear in this neighborhood. She lives here only because of the Rebbe and because her husband teaches at one of the Lubavitch schools. After dark she does not go out alone.

Neither do Vered or Sarah, two students at a women's yeshiva. They worry about the up-coming summer and the possibility of more violence. They've heard that Chassidic youths were beaten by blacks and perceive this as an act of prejudice. Their faith in police protection is minimal because they believe that last August the police failed to fulfill their duties.

An older woman rushes by, saying "it's safe here now. It's in the past." This is the first answer people give when questioned about how they view things in the aftermath of the riots. Their priorities are daily routines and religious observance. Ask again and other replies surface.

Rifka-Raizel Mizrahi, a young convert to the Lubavitch movement has lived in the community for approximately two years. She says she's had enough and plans to move on. Though loathe to leave friends and her studies, she is afraid to live here. "I don't understand why anyone who doesn't know me has to hate me."

To illustrate her fears Rifka-Raizel cites what happened to Phyllis Lapine, a mother of six who was assaulted and murdered in her home last February. Lapine's name comes up often in conversations, especially with women. Her death underlines feelings of lack of safety and of being besieged.

Former Montrealer Chaya Goldberg explains tensions this way. "Blacks from neighboring districts misperceive the Chassidims' commitment to Torah, family and community as a penchant for wealth and therefore they are resentful."

Her reply to claims that the Lubavitch are insular and unsympathetic to the circumstances of the black community is that the Jews have reached out by organizing sports tournaments and other services and activities. To her, implicit in the Chabad (Lubavitch) movement is the pursuit of global harmony.

Many of the Lubavitch feel misrepresented by the media and misunderstood by the "outside" world, says Rabbi Krinsky. The view is that they, the victims of bias, have been painted the villains. The media, he says, fueled divisiveness during last year's conflict and New York City officials and police failed to halt the violence.

"The mayor and police commissioner should have been in Crown Heights the first night of rioting and cracked down on the bands of youths immediately." Instead, according to Krinsky, they showed a lack of awareness of the situation and were inept in handling it.

In fact, the Chabad community is considering legal action against the City of New York. Frank Snitow, the attorney representing Crown Heights, says that there were violations of civil rights statutes, basically "a failure to provide police services based on discriminatory bias against Jews."

Rabbi Krinsky is even more angered by the lack of action from the larger Jewish community. "Jewish organizations were all asleep, No one came to the aid of this besieged community." Crown Heights was abandoned, he says. And he calls editorials in various Jewish publications which accused the Lubavitch of being unable to live with the black community, ". . . rubbish, bigoted and anti-Semitic."

While the Lubavitch have lived in a predominantly black area for about three decades, he says, other Jews have fled to the suburbs. The rabbi resents the lack of public solidarity from other Jewish organizations and the fact that they did not immediately demand government intervention. "That behavior is a dangerous precedent for all Jews."

Today, the tragedy of last August is not foremost on the minds of the Chassidim of Crown Heights, but that event seems to have produced in them a lack of faith in civil justice and a sense of aloneness. Many see the police as unreliable and there seems to be no trustworthy support outside the borders of Chabad. More than ever the Lubavitch believe they have to look after themselves.

Seminar looks at kashrut supervision

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Supervision of restaurants, food retailers and caterers to ensure adherence to the laws of kashrut has been traditionally considered the exclusive province of the Orthodox.

But, say the Conservative rabbis attending their movement's first advanced training seminar in kashrut supervision last week, that is no longer the case.

While relatively few Conservative Jews seem to adhere strictly to the laws of kashrut, keeping kosher is indeed a principle central to the observance of Conservative Jewish law.

But the 65 rabbis who came to the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York from all over the continent, weren't spurred to attend by a groundswell of interest among their congregants in keeping kosher.

And, as Rabbi Joel Roth pointed out, "no restaurant owner is going to get rich by having my name on his certificate," because Orthodox Jews, who make up the bulk of a kosher restaurant's patrons, aren't likely to consider Conservative supervision sufficient.

Roth, the incoming dean of the JTS rabbinical school, was the educational consultant and a lecturer on the program.

The rabbis were there, by and large, to update their training so that they can supervise the kashrut of kitchens in the local Jewish community center, hotels, bakeries, butchers, and caterers who want to work in their synagogue social hall.

According to Paul Plotkin, a Margate, Fla., rabbi who organized the conference, the clustering of Orthodox Jews in big cities has led to circumstances where in many cases, a Conservative rabbi is the most traditional authority in many towns.

And though there "isn't any great spike" in the number of Conservative Jews observing kashrut, "there are a certain number of families who begin keeping kosher each year" in his community, Plotkin said.

"The Orthodox aren't the only group with ba'al teshuvah (newly religious)," he said, and noted that in his community, converts observe kashrut much more often than those who were born Jewish.

"This breaks the stereotype that the only people who care about kashrut are the Orthodox. Many rabbis are very serious about being involved and not abdicating their responsibility," Plotkin said.

Conference organizers expected 20 people to sign up, but quickly enrolled a capacity 65 rabbis and had to put over a dozen more on a waiting list.

The five-day training program was designed to supplement the theoretical information included in training for the rabbinate and provide the rabbis with practical training in kashrut supervision.

While instruction in the technical minutiae of kashrut supervision was the focus, the question of whether the Conservative effort might be seen as competition with the Orthodox for a segment of the lucrative kosher foods market was discussed during the seminar.

"I do not think that we should be entirely reliant upon the Orthodox" for supervision, said Roth, but "I don't want to establish 'Conservative hashgachah (supervision).' My intention is to provide hashgachah that serves the community."

A benefit of the advanced training for the Conservative movement is that it makes rabbis more likely to talk about keeping kosher from the pulpit.

That way, "it raises the consciousness of the congregation of the centrality of kashrut," said Rabbi Elliot Schoenberg, director of rabbinic services for the Rabbinical Assembly.

"It's a stepping stone to nurture people to be committed to halacha in general," he said, "and to bring people closer to Jewish life."

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VOLEVELSKY — FOGEL

Ida Akman, of Montreal, writes for information on the source of her father's surname Volevelsky.

The origin of the name appears to be derived from Wolf — to which Benjamin was compared by his father Jacob. Velvel (little wolf) is a Jewish adaptation as a given name.

Another alternative is to trace the name to the Polish town of Wolowa Lasy, although it is a considerable distance from Pinsky, where her father lived.

Her mother's maiden name was Fogel, Yiddish for bird.

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STAUBER

Oscar Adler, of Downsview, Ontario, enquires about the surname of his mother who emigrated from Duna Szerdahely, Czechoslovakia (formerly Hungary).

Staub is dust. A Stauber is a person who dusts.

Gorbachev visits Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The formal atmosphere surrounding the arrival here of Mikhail Gorbachev lightened up last week when the former Soviet president learned that an Israeli potato had been named after him.

Gorbachev could not help smiling on Tuesday, the second day of his four-day visit, when the Agricultural Research Centre at Beit Dagan presented the former Soviet leader with "Mikhail," a potato it recently cultivated.

Still, Gorbachev has spent most of his time here in a suit and tie, visiting dignitaries and receiving awards from the country's universities.

He accepted the prestigious $35,000 Harvey Peace Prize from the Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa and picked up an honorary doctorate from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba. Altogether, the honors and awards on this trip will earn him about $55,000, about what the Israel government spends to feed and shelter eight Soviet immigrant families during their first year in the country.

In his speech at the Technion, Gorbachev spoke about anti-Semitism in the old Soviet Union where it was "officially denied in policy but encouraged in practise."

He added, "I hope you know how much leeway Jews in Russia received in order to realize their talents after the revolution. Yet in the days of Stalin, especially after World War II, anti-Semitism was introduced into domestic and foreign policy. Even after the death of Stalin, this state of affairs continued, but not in openly repressive forms."

Looking back at his own tenure as president, Gorbechev said, "Only in the days of perestroika did we finally succeed in putting an end to the signs of anti-Semitism."

Israel welcomed the former superpower leader as a hero because it was during Gorbachev's regime that Soviet Jews were finally given the right to emigrate freely.

About 350,000 of them have come to Israel to date. But Gorbachev viewed their exodus with mixed feelings. He saw it as a "loss for our land and society," he told one reporter.

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50 Years Ago ...a look back

GENERAL MOBILIZATION IN PALESTINE

JERUSALEM, June 4, 1942 (JTA) —

Preparations were concluded here for a general mobilization of all able-bodied Jews in Palestine, regardless of age and sex, to be assigned either to military, civilian defense, or agricultural work.

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GERMANS RULE OVER CAMPS

ZURICH, May 31, 1942 (JTA) —

Slovakian Jews, the bulk of whom are to be deported under the provisions of a law adopted last week by the Slovakian parliament, will be handed over to German authorities who will be in charge of concentration centres in the east (probably the Nazi-held section of the Ukraine) because "the Germans have more experience with this sort of work," it is reported by the *Grensbote*, Nazi-controlled daily published in Bratislava, the Slovakian capital.

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FRENCH JEWS DEMONSTRATE

VICHY, June 7, 1942 (JTA) —

French Jews demonstrated on the streets of Paris against the German order forcing them to wear a yellow Magen David badge, it was reported here.

Jewish girls wearing yellow stars prominently displayed on their coats paraded along the main boulevards of the city in silent protest against the order which officially goes into effect today.

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JEWS AS GUINEA PIGS

NEW YORK, June 8, 1942 (JTA) —

Information from Dutch and Swiss sources last spring that Jews were being used as guinea pigs in Nazi poison gas experiments held at the Mauthausen concentration camp, twenty miles north of Lins, Austria, was confirmed here today by an American official recently in Czechoslovakia who was repatriated last week on the diplomatic ship Drottiningholm.

The Dutch government has charged that hundreds of Dutch Jews had been killed in the poison gas experiments at Mauthausen and another 1,200 had died in the sulphur mines adjoining the camp, Swiss sources reported at the same time that Jews from other parts of the continent were also being sent to Mauthausen for experimentation purposes.

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JEWISH STATE WILL RESULT

NEW YORK, June 10, 1942 (JTA) —

The belief that "a Jewish homeland in Palestine" will inevitably result from the victory of the democratic nations in the present war was expressed here by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and world leader of the Zionist movement, at a dinner tendered him at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel attended by leaders from all walks of Jewish life as well as by many prominent non-Jewish notables.

President Roosevelt sent a message of "personal greetings" to the dinner expressing his "high appreciation of Dr. Weizmann's scientific and humanitarian achievements during the course of his long and distinguished career."

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REPRISAL KILLINGS THREATENED

BERNE, June 14, 1942 (JTA) —

The Nazis will carry out a "mass-extermination of Jews" in reprisal for the bombing of German cities by air force of the United States, Berlin radio announced quoting an article written by Goebbels, the Nazi minister of propaganda.

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MASS SUICIDES REPORTED

BERNE, June 15, 1942 (JTA) —

A wave of Jewish suicides in Hungary as a result of police raids on Jewish homes was reported. An average of 300 raids take place nightly in Budapest among Jews, foreigners and anti-Nazi Hungarians, the report said. Some 800 people have been arrested in the last two weeks.

Many Jews committed suicide while the police were knocking at the doors of their homes, the report reveals.

The Hungarian authorities are now considering prohibiting the sale of aspirin without a doctor's prescription, since in most of the suicides the victims took their life by swallowing a large number of aspirin tablets.

The News in Brief

Israel to have voice

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has pledged that Israel will be included in international talks on developing ballistic missile defences.

Assistant Secretary of State Janet Mullins said that it is the "hope and expectation" of the United States that Israel will "participate fully" in the missile defence initiative, which may lead to the development of a special missile defence organization.

The United States is developing a proposal for international co-operation in research regarding missile defence systems.

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Technion sets record

JERUSALEM — The Technion has passed the 10,000 student mark for the first time, absorbed more immigrants than any Israeli university and still managed to erase its budget deficit.

Technion president Prof. Zehev Tadmor said that the university has successfully followed a comprehensive plan on immigrant student absorption prepared two years ago.

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Manischewitz co-founder dies

NEW YORK — Philanthropist Meyer H. Robinson, co-founder of the company that made Manischewitz wines, died of congestive heart failure here on June 12. He was 86 years old.

Robinson was born in Manhattan, and lived in Lawrence, Long Island.

Robinson was active in many Jewish causes, serving on the boards of the Jewish Theological Seminary, the United Jewish Appeal of Greater New York, and the United Synagogues of America.

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A call for help

NEW YORK — The Orthodox Union/NCSY is putting an urgent call out to medical professionals to help in the former Soviet Union. They have discovered a serious need for medication and physicians to go to Russia.

The leadership of the Orthodox Union is organizing opportunities for interested physicians to go on a limited stay to regions that are populated with Jews in need of medical assistance.

If you are interested and have time, particularly in July or August contact the NCSY regional office, Rabbi Nosson Westreich (416) 782-4426.

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Kosher industry grows

NEW YORK — The kosher food industry is growing despite the recession, according to Menachem Lubinsky, a kosher marketing consultant who says that 10 percent of American Jews observe the dietary laws and that their number is increasing.

Lubinsky, who has scheduled a Kosher Food Trade Show in Secaucus, N.J., in December reported that over 23,000 products found on American supermarket shelves are certified kosher. More than 1,000 of them received kosher certification in 1991 while the dollar volume in the kosher food industry grew approximately 12 percent, Lubinsky said.

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Gift for Israel

NEW YORK — As a gift from the Jewish people, Israel will be given the building formerly used by Cuba as its Embassy in East Berlin, the World Jewish Congress announced.

Israel will use the building as its embassy in Berlin, which is replacing Bonn as the capital of unified Germany and where the embassies of most foreign countries will be moving in the coming years.

The building, located in the heart of Berlin, is reverting back to the Jewish ownership where it was held prior to World War II and the Nazi ascension to power.

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Conference on racism

NEW YORK — A "Declaration of Tolerance," penned by Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, will open an unprecedented international conference called to confront a "shocking resurgence of anti-Semitism, prejudice, and extremism around the globe," the World Jewish Congress has announced.

"Every day seems to bring new reports of bigotry and hate, whether it is Le Pen's National Front in France, David Duke in America, neo-fascists in Austria and Germany, or Pamyat in Russia," WJC President Edgar Bronfman stated.

The Conference, to be held in Brussels from July 6-8, will bring together 1,200 delegates from around the world and international figures from government, the media and public life.

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Palestinians killed

JERUSALEM — Two Palestinians were murdered by other Palestinians in unrelated incidents in the territories last week, bringing the number of such murders this year to 129.

In the same period, nine Israeli civilians and soldiers have been killed by Palestinians. Fewer than 30 Palestinians have been killed by the IDF soldiers, mostly in pursuit of fugitives.

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Yiddish a hit in Paris

PARIS — Paris has officially honored Therese Liberman-Jasmin for her relentless efforts to promote Yiddish over the wavelength of the French Jewish radio network.

Since the creation in 1981 of the first Jewish radio station in France, Therese Liberman-Jasmin developed a weekly broadcast *Bei Mir Bist Du Shein*, devoted to Yiddish culture and literature.

She was awarded the Silver Medal of the city of Paris for her work, together with other ardent devotees of the Yiddish culture.

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Protest over prize

JERUSALEM — Three Technion-associated academics are strongly protesting the award of the institution's prestigious Harvey Pize to Mikhail Gorbachev.

"No Jew would ever give a prize to the pharaoh for letting the Jews out of Egypt," said Dr. Ze'ev Perlman, a faculty member at the Technion's Architecture and Urban Planning Department.

Perlman's protest has been joined by Prof. Dan Rom of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, a former vice president of academic affairs, and the Dean of Agricultural Engineering, Prof. Haim Finkel.

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CoL index dives

TEL AVIV Israel's cost-of-living index took an exceptional dive during May, dropping by 0.4 percent.

It was one of the rare drops in the index in recent years, and the biggest decline in 23 years since a 0.6 percent drop in May 1969.

The biggest contribution to the decline was a 14 percent seasonal decline in the price of fruits and vegetables.

The average urban family of four persons now requires about $1,800 a month to break even.

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Former SS man elected

BONN — The far-right German Republican party has re-elected Franz Schoenhuber, a former Waffen SS officer, as its leader for another term.

The group, which held its national convention in the Bavarian town of Dickenburg, also said it is willing to compromise on various issues in order to be in a position to share power with other, bigger parties.

Schoenhuber's position is considered potentially dangerous, harkening back to the Nazi era, which began quietly but gained steadily in numbers of adherents.

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AIDS cases double

JERUSALEM — Twenty-one new cases of AIDS were reported last month, 77 since the beginning of the year, including 16 among women, Yanon Shenker, director of an AIDS prevention program in Jerusalem said. He said this was double the number of new AIDS cases reported in the first six months of 1990.

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War crimes investigations

OTTAWA — The government of Canada remains "deeply committed" to the investigation of war crimes, Justice Minister Kim Campbell told the House of Commons recently.

Responding to a question from New Democratic justice critic Svend Robinson, Campbell said "March 1994 was the target date by which we had to try to complete the dossiers that came out of the Deschenes commission and dealt with World War II crimes.

"This was not by any means to suggest that we would not continue to investigate after, but to recognize that those particular offenses took place at a period of time which creates problems for us now in accumulating evidence.

"So we have set that target date for ourselves as a way of allocating resources in our department," the justice minister said.

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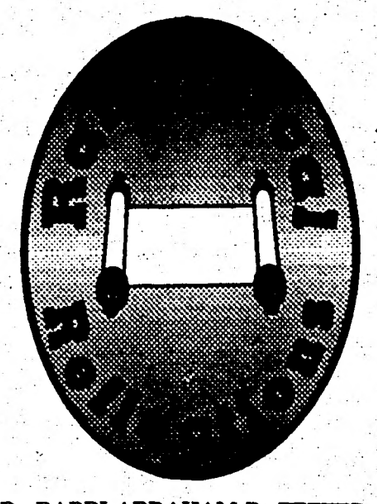

By RABBI ABRAHAM D. FEFFER

We are in the midst of our summer season. It is traditionally a time when "the livin' is easy." We are able to relax and refresh ourselves and to enjoy days of leisure.

And why not? Most of us work very hard. We deserve a respite — rich and poor alike. Even in Drobin, the Polish shtetl where I was born, several Jews went to their "dachas," like many in North America go to the "country." Leisure and laughter do go together and we are allowed to enjoy ourselves and have a healthy laugh. Benjamin Franklin said: ". . . a life of leisure and a life of laziness are two different things." Indeed, Chassidism, one of the most revolutionary pietistic groups during the past two hundred years, is known for its emphasis on joyous living. If I were asked to summarize the philosophy of Chassidism in one word I would not hesitate in defining it as "simcha," meaning happiness.

Judaism is not an ascetic religion. We do not have to mortify our flesh to save our souls. Yet, there is another side to this depiction . . . and that is that Jews cannot fully rejoice in this world. Violence and poverty surround us. Commenting on the Psalmist's longing for song and laughter, the rabbis state "Az Yeemaleh S'chok Peenu" — only in the messianic future will our mouths be able to fully rejoice. "Do not rejoice O' Israel in the manner of the gentiles!"

Take a simple Jewish calendar and look up the Jewish "happenings" during the summer months and you will see that great tragedies have befallen our people at this time. This serves to remind us that we cannot be totally absorbed in easy living under the summer sun. Its radiance too is limited in time and space, to say nothing about the hole in the ozone layer of which we are only recently becoming painfully aware.

The seventeenth of Tammuz ushers in a three-week period of mourning which ends with Tisha b'Av, the latter being the fast day commemorating the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE and the Second Temple in 70 CE. The bridegroom breaks the glass under the wedding canopy to indicate that even on the day of his greatest joy he remembers the destruction of the temple.

In subsequent periods of Jewish history, other calamities were associated with this period: Bar Kochba's defeat in 135 CE and the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492. In recent decades the more culture conscious and the religious Zionists among us commemorate the yahrzeits of Herzl, on the 20th of Tammuz, and Bialik on the 21st. The massacre of the Russian-Jewish poets in the days of Stalin has special community observances. Traditionally, during this period no marriages are permitted except under very special circumstances.

A Yiddish proverb summarizes our attitude to rejoicing and laughter, namely, "Yeder Gelechter iz Oysgemisht Mit A Trer" — Each laugh is mixed with a tear.

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A story is told of a chassidic Polish soldier who was drafted into the army and of course was not given a chance to eat kosher. He came to the leading sage, the Chafetz Chaim, and asked, "Rabbi, what should I do about eating meat in the army? If I do not eat it I am afraid I will be unable to survive in good health?" Whereupon the saintly sage answered. "Eat the meat, but do not suck on the bone." Hence the Jewish compromise — enjoyment without complete fulfilment. Our joy is truncated, diminished.

Nevertheless we continue to hope and pray that the time will soon come when, as the prophet put it, God will wipe away all tears and will give us, Israel, and all humanity many opportunities for full rejoicing.

Rabbi Abraham D. Feffer is rabbi emeritus of Beth El in Akron, Ohio and formerly from Saint John, New Brunswick.

'Gay' decision angers groups

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The Rabbinical Assembly's recent decision to allow Conservative rabbis to work at gay and lesbian congregations has prompted strong reaction from the other branches of American Judaism.

The response is, predictably, split along ideological lines between the movements to the right and the left of Conservative Jewry.

Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, was unequivocal:

"The new Conservative position represents a capitulation to immorality," he said. "It institutionalizes and legitimizes repugnant moral standards.

"It is shocking that a religious movement which claims to speak on behalf of Jewish tradition is rushing down the slippery slope in the abandonment of Jewish law and in embracing that which is repugnant and ugly in the eyes of the Lord," he added.

Rabbi Ronald Price, executive vice president of the Union for Traditional Judaism, which began as a breakaway group of right-wing Conservative rabbis after the movement decided to ordain women, said that allowing rabbis to serve gay and lesbian congregations implies halachic acceptance of sexual behavior that is barred by traditional interpretations of Jewish law.

There is "a tension between the desire to serve the community and that which the Torah says very clearly is not permitted," he acknowledged.

But he complained that "secular egalitarianism has become a religious mandate" for the Conservative movement, "so it cannot be limited only to the relationship between men and women, but has to apply to all lifestyles that people choose to live."

He said the decision on gay and lesbian synagogues was therefore inevitable and in keeping with the direction in which Conservative Jewry is moving.

The largest liberal Jewish movements, the Reform and Reconstructionists, applauded the Rabbinical Assembly decision.

It's "a tiny step in the right direction, which is equal justice regardless of gender or sexual orientation," said Rabbi Albert Vorspan, national director of social action and senior vice president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Reform movement's congregational arm.

"Equal acceptance of all Jews, period, is coming inevitably in most of American Jewish life," he said.

Rabbi Mordechai Liebling, executive director of the Federation of Reconstructionist Congregations and Havurot, congratulated Conservative rabbis on their decision.

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BY MIRIAM LANAIL

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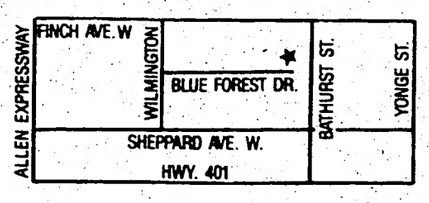

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Front Line

Arab war against Israel an essential part of election

By RUTH WISSE

For the fourth time I've managed to be in Israel on the eve of the elections — a carnival of democracy that bears only passing resemblance to the electoral process in North America. Professional comedians don't stand a chance in Israel against the natural humor of some 30 parties battling it out for 120 seats.

My favorite newcomers in the current elections are Al Galgalim and Isibor. "On Wheels" is the party of taxi drivers who promote better working conditions for their profession and better roads for all, a commendable political blend of special interest and national responsibility.

"Bird" argues that instead of choosing between hawks and doves, the generic term allows you to be sometimes the one, sometimes the other. If this formula were adopted, it would mean the end of national debate.

In the battle of party commercials on television, which is the spectator sport of preference during the three weeks prior to elections, the winner this year, as during the last election, may well be the religious party Shas, and for the same reason as before, its spokesman Uri Zohar. A former Israeli rock star who left his licentious ways to become a rabbi, he has lost nothing of his ability to appeal to a mass audience, and his warnings against the culture of drugs carry the weight of personal experience.

Zohar finishes his spiel with the fingers of his hand turned into the Hebrew letters for Shas — the three bottom fingers as the shin, the thumb and index fingers as the samekh. Rabbinic showmanship at its best.

Yet fun notwithstanding, Israelis know that their situation is serious. During the first week of the electoral campaign the following fatalities reminded Israelis of the degree to which their fate is determined by the hostility of enemies over whom they have no political control:

Ruth R. Wisse

A 15-year-old schoolgirl was stabbed to death in Bat Yam by a Palestinian Arab from Gaza who had been planning the random attack for days; a border policeman was killed in the north while thwarting a raid by Hamas terrorists; one soldier was killed and two others wounded when an Israeli convoy was ambushed in south Lebanon; a rabbi was stabbed to death on his way home from the synagogue by a Gazan Arab; a security guard was killed in Eilat by two Palestinian terrorists who had swum ashore from Jordan, carrying two Kalashnikov rifles with ammunition, hand grenades, a portable launcher, and wearing bullet-proof vests.

Relieved that one attacker was killed and the other apprehended before they could carry out their plans, many Israelis were as chilled by the thought of what might have happened on the beach of Eilat as they would have been by the intended slaughter.

Were it possible to vote against the enemies of Israel, to defeat them through the democratic process, Israel would probably be the most politically united country in democratic history, with only a tiny minority of ultra-Orthodox anti-Zionists in the Jewish camp and perhaps a larger bloc of Israeli Arabs dissenting.

Unfortunately, the Jews of Israel cannot affect the politics of the Arab-Muslim world. They cannot persuade their neighbors to join the liberal democratic sphere, or to accept the regional pluralism that Israel represents.

Israelis can only vote on how best to counter the attacks against them. The longer the attacks continue, the harder it is to remain united in strength and in purpose, or even to maintain political sanity.

On this visit I heard a Rabin supporter explain that thanks to the achievements of the Likud he can now support the creation of a Palestinian state. How can this be? Because the presence of Jewish settlements and of over 200,000 Jewish settlers in the territories now ensure that Jews will form part of that Palestinian state.

While he would never have allowed the existence of another Judenrein Arab state in Judaea and Samaria, he was willing to risk a Palestinian state that contained many strong settlements of Jews.

The tortured logic of this argument would be funnier if it were less despairing. Along similar lines, a young Israeli explained to me that she did not think it mattered at all which party she voted for — the left-wing coalition Meretz or the right wing Moledet — since neither was likely to persuade the Arabs to make peace with Israel. But once she was voting, she might as well take a decisive point of view.

The Arab war against Israel is at one and the same time the most important determinant of Israeli politics, and the feature of life that the citizenry can do least to change. Small wonder that some voters show signs of cracking under the strain.

Yet the wonder of Israeli politics is that the majority holds firm in its commitment to both democracy and military force. Although I am writing this well before the elections, I know that the vast majority will once again vote for the parties at the centre with the intention of making the centre hold firm.

Some commentators mistakenly believe that the split between Shamir and Rabin shows how sharply the country is divided. Not so. The two largest parties have never before sounded so nearly interchangeable in their emphasis on pre-emptive strength.

Number of similarities between Jews and Asians

By RABBI MARC SCHNEIER

On the day that Israel and China formally established diplomatic relations, a group of U.S. Jewish and Chinese leaders gathered at the China Institute in America near Park Avenue in Manhattan. They were there to attend a symposium on racial quotas, an issue which is of concern to both Jews and Asians.

It has often been noted within the African-American community, sometimes with much bitterness, that American Jews lack sensitivity or true concern for the plight of other minorities because many are opposed to racial quotas. Some blacks, of course, understand that opposition as having arisen out of the days when Jews were themselves victimized by racial quotas in universities, in professions, and in government.

It now emerges that Asians, who are among the fastest growing minorities in the United States, are, like many Jews, opposed to such restrictions.

It is the concensus of both groups, as represented at the China Institute symposium, that achievement should determine the nature of entrance and hiring policies at schools and businesses, not race, religion or national origin.

It was interesting to hear the arguments presented at the podium that evening, but equally fascinating were the discussions that went on within the audience. Commonalities between Asians and Jews, it seems, extend far beyond unified attitudes toward quotas.

For example, both groups have strong extended family ties. Both are struggling to cling to thousands-year-old traditions with values and ideals that are threatened by modern trends in the greater community. Both strive for self-sufficiency, shunting outside assistance in favor of establishing businesses and entrepreneurial ventures.

Finally, Asians and Jewish immigrant parents attach an unusually high degree of priority to the education of their youth. In both camps, parents endure lowered qualities of life in exchange for what they see as investment in the futures of their children.

Clearly, in many ways, the American experience of the diverse Asian community — comprised of waves of immigration hailing from Korea, China, Cambodia, Japan, and other countries — parallels the American Jewish experience. Asians in this country have suffered a broad range of social biases familiar to many Jews. On campuses they are seen as bookish, unsociable and overachieving; in the workplace they are considered overly aggressive and unfeeling.

And finally there is the detestable spectacle known as "Asian bashing" — which all Asians claim to exprience in some form — through which people express their frustrations about the economy in acts and attitudes of prejudice. It is a trend which is aggravated by the complex trade issues involving the United States and Japan.

With so much in common — positive as well as negative — why haven't Jews and Asians done more to build bridges in this country?

That is a question that some sociologists, like Prof. William Helmreich of New York's City University, are now beginning to ask. The similarities between Jews and Asians noted by Helmreich run the gamut from the cultural to the quaint.

"Only people with limited options do such work," he recently wrote of the long, arduous hours Asian immigrants put into their small stores and businesses. "Like Jews of another era," Helmreich says, "they do not want their children to enter the business." How many successful young Jews today recall this familiar admonishment from their own parents: "You're not going to end up working yourself to the bone in this business!"

Clearly, links should be established, and Israel's new relationship with China provides an unprecedented momentum for doing so. Asian Americans come from nations and cultural backgrounds that are as diverse and numerous as the countries from which American Jews hail.

This lends a choppiness to the Asian population here which makes them seem smaller and less imposing than they in fact are. In truth, however, the struggle of Asians to adapt to their new society unifies them, and they are now emerging in this country with a single, powerful voice in both the politics and economy of the United States.

Whether Cambodian in Boston; Korean in New York; Chinese in San Francisco; Japanese in Los Angeles, each group has similar concerns. In each case, too, alliances with American Jews have been inaugurated through community, civic, and religious organizations.

Without forsaking the ties that we have established with other minority and ethnic groups, including the black community, Jewish leaders should take note: here is an alliance which has the promise of mutual, reciprocal growth and advancement based on shared ideal and values.

It should also be noted that as shared paths go — and Jews have recently felt inordinate resentment, insensitivity, and outright anti-Semitism from some of their older "alliances" — this one may be the path of least resistance.

(Rabbi Marc Schneier of New York's Park East Synagogue is president of the Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, which co-sponsored the Jewish-Chinese symposium at the China Institute.)

A bagel by any other name would taste as. . .

By MARCEL STRIGBERGER

A sudden impulse recently struck me at Food City causing me to buy a package of bagel chips.

For the uninitiated, this product consists of about one bagel or so, thinly sliced, toasted and packaged. Unlike its virginal version which sells for about forty cents, this bagel in its multiplied form, sells for about two dollars.

As the cashier rang up the tab I noticed that she was adding in GST. I protested saying that surely there must be some mistake. "You can't charge me tax on a bagel," I said.

The cashier replied: "The computer has rung up the tax. It must be OK."

"No it's not OK. The computer must be wrong. Bagels aren't taxable," I affirmed, making small circles in the air with my index finger.

The circles didn't impress her. She summoned the store manager for a second opinion. The manager agreed with me that although slightly decimated, if you put all the bagel chips together they formed at least one bagel. With that comment he also made a couple of circles in the air. A meeting of the minds, no doubt.

He suggested that I write to Ottawa. He said that there was a new procedure whereby you can have your GST grievances dealt with by a special tribunal.

I ended up buying the bagel chips and after lunch I fired off a letter to Ottawa:

Dear Sir/Madam,

The supermarket recently charged me GST on a package of bagel chips. Surely as bread is exempt from GST there must be a mistake. Kindly refund my 14 cents. My cash register receipt is enclosed.

A reply from Ottawa was not long in coming.

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your letter. As you may know section 43(4) of the GLGST Act, the Getting to Like the GST Act, provides for referees to inspect all products which are the subject matter of complaints. We have referred this matter to the food and snack department and a referee will be in touch shortly. In the meantime would you kindly send us a sample of the bagel chips in question. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gordon W. Pinkerton

Chief Referee, Round Objects

I figured I was on the right track.

I purchased another package of the bagel chips for which of course I also paid GST. Same cashier.

I carefully wrapped up the bagel parts and mailed them to Ottawa. As I wanted the mini-frisbees to arrive intact, I didn't dare label the package "Fragile."

A couple of weeks later I received another letter.

Dear Sir,

I have examined the bagel chips which you were good enough to send us. In order to be fair we did a taste test comparing the bagel chips to a bagel which we purchased at the King of Bagels bakery. We also bought some cheese spread for the sake of completeness.

My assistant blindfolded me. The test was also witnessed by Corporal Francois Gagnon of the RCMP.

I started the test. I noticed that one product was thick and fluffy and soft. It tasted delicious.

The second product was toasty and crunchy and thin. Equally delicious.

I concluded that the first sample was a bagel from the King of Bagels. The second sample was your bagel chip. When Corporal Gagnon removed the blindfold I saw that I was correct.

My conclusion is that a bagel chip may start out as a bagel. Once it gets toasted and sliced up, although it may remind you of its former self, it now looks more like a musical compact disk, which as you know is taxable.

I conclude, therefore, that a bagel chip is not a bagel. Calling it a bagel doesn't make it one. For example does Boston cream pie come from Boston?

You were accordingly properly taxed. You have thirty days to appeal my decision to the minister of finance to whom I shall send this file along with the samples. Thank you for your query.

Dudley C. Norbert

Referee, Food and Snacks

(Round) Division

I have lodged a formal appeal with the minister of finance.

Although I am optimistic about the outcome, my wife is willing to bet me loonies to donuts that I'll probably just end up with the centre of the bagel.

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Travesty of justice

The last important war criminal known to be at large, Alois Brunner, lives in Damascus under the protective wing of the Syrian government. It has been proven that Brunner, alias Georg Fischer, has been living in the Syrian capital for the past 30 years.

The United States and France have pressured President Hafez Assad to extradite Brunner. But, for reasons best known to himself, Assad has not budged. Brunner remains free, immune to prosecution, despite the abominable record he amassed during the Holocaust.

Convicted of crimes against humanity by a French court in 1954, Brunner is held responsible for the assembly and deportation of some 120,000 French, Austrian, German, Greek and Balkan Jews. Only a handful of Nazi officials wielded such immense power, and Brunner was one of them. Indeed, he was probably more powerful than Klaus Barbie, the notorious Butcher of Lyon who was extradited from Bolivia to France to stand trial.

Earlier this year, after Nazi hunter Beate Klarsfeld raised the issue on the streets of Damascus in an unauthorized protest and was summarily expelled, French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas visited Syria. According to reports, he brought up at least two issues — Brunner and the plight of Syrian Jews. Since then, Syria has eased emigration procedures for Syrian Jews, but has stonewalled on Brunner. To this day, Syria cynically denies knowledge of Brunner's whereabouts, even though his presence in Damascus has been documented.

Since the Gulf War and the collapse of Syria's patron, the Soviet Union, Syria has been desperately seeking friends — and credits — in the West. Shouldn't Washington use this opportunity to exact concessions from Syria with regard to the Brunner case? Strategically speaking, Syria has never been weaker, while the United States has never been stronger. Considering these favorable circumstances, shouldn't the Bush administration take a principled leadership position and demand Brunner's extradition?

It's clear that Brunner was no minor cog in the Nazi machinery of death, no ordinary concentration camp guard. He was a major figure in the Final Solution and, therefore, should answer for his crimes. But this mass murderer will evade justice so long as Syria refuses to extradite him.

Water, water ...

In addition to its military, political and economic problems, Israel is currently confronting a threat that will not fade away even in the event of a peace treaty with Arab neighbors.

The threat, according to Miriam Ben-Porat, Israel's state controller, is that in practical terms Israel has no water reserves in its reservoirs. The heavy rainstorm in early 1992 helped in the short term but did not fundamentally change the long range menace of severe water shortages.

This important statement was included recently in a special section of *The Christian Science Monitor* (May 27) entitled The World's Water — which focused especially on the prospects for water in the Middle East in the coming years. Israel was named along with Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Yemen as counhtries facing crisis situations in the next decade.

The report, however, features two optimistic analyses by Israeli journalists from *Ha'aretz*, Israel's most prestigious newspaper. Yona Kahana and Haim Bior point out that Israel has made significant progress in exploiting water resources through efficient use of irrigation methods and by experimenting dramatically with desalination plants. In fact Israel, one of the smallest countries in the world, has become a pioneer in desalination technology, having created 35 different salination facilities.

Through trial and error, Israeli experts have learned that desalinated mineral-rich water achieved through reverse osmosis (rather than seawater desalination) promises to be the best answer to the country's water needs. Reverse osmosis involves straining water through a permeable membrane.

The problem which Israeli specialists are working on now is how to produce the water economically, given the high energy costs involved in the desalination processes. Progress in this regard has been noted at the Mekorot plant at Sabha, near Eilat, which is remote-controlled 24 hours a day and which uses only half the energy such plants did 10 years ago.

Israel is looking forward to continued drops in energy costs because this will make it possible to desalinate both sea and mineral-rich water. With its technological expertise in water management Israel has already fructified huge areas of formerly inhospitable land. Growth in population, however, has now put greater pressure than ever on water demands and desalination is the answer.

Israel's water controller, Den Zaslavsky, says that an investment of $12.5 billion is required to generate the sweet water needed in the next decade.

That is, says Zaslavsky, less than the cost of a small war.

ALL SMILES

A member of the Red Army Ensemble exchanges caps with a soldier from the Israel Military Police. The Red Army Ensemble was giving a special concert for soldiers who work at the Tel Aviv Kiryia (Defence Ministry). [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

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INTEGRATE HANDICAPPED

I applaud the Waksman-Cooper philosophy that "You have to believe they can learn" (Down's children receive help from Canadian, *CJN*, April 16).

It is important to have confidence in the ability of people with developmental handicaps to grow, to achieve and to eventually participate equally in aspects of social and economic life.

Dr. Waksman-Cooper's commendable approach in teaching children with developmental handicaps is "not to look at what they cannot do." By focusing on the abilities as opposed to the disabilities, we can begin to maximize the often untapped strengths and talents of people with developmental handicaps.

It is encouraging to see this positive attitude growing among educators and the Jewish community in general. However, I believe the time is now at hand for the community to work harder on integrating children with developmental handicaps into the Jewish day school system.

Harold Wodinsky
Chairman of the Board
The Reena Foundation
Toronto

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SPECIAL NEEDS OF DEAF

Joseph Green in his June 4 letter shows his disgust for a gay shul in Toronto and asks, "would it make any sense to organize an independent service for the visually impaired, the deaf, or paraplegics?"

While I cannot speak for two of those categories, I can speak for the deaf, and the answer is a resounding yes.

Many rabbis wear beards and moustaches and their mouths are well-concealed to a deaf lipreader like myself. There is nothing more tedious than attending a Shabbat service for the simple reason that I cannot follow anything that is going on. There is the English version of the service which I might read, but the real enjoyment is from service participation, and from this, as a deaf observer, I am excluded.

Independent services for the deaf have been held in the past, at Holy Blossom Temple, Beth Emeth and Beth Tikvah and have been very successful. The rabbi speaks at a slower pace than usual and therefore more clearly. A sign language interpreter is on hand for those who need one. These services are vital to the Jewish deaf community. After all, no one needs to understand the word of God as much as one who can't hear it.

Mr. Green's intolerant and patronizing attitude is an insult to the Jewish deaf community.

Hilary Edwards
Toronto

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PRAYERS FOR REBBE

Regarding Dr. Raphael's letter *(CJN* may 14), he raises some interesting issues. One of them is his criticism of the advertisement in the *CJN* calling for a cure for Rabbi Schneerson. Rabbi Schneerson has accomplished so much for world Jewry and has shown unlimited love for every Jew.

This is shown clearly by the outreach Chabad has throughout the entire globe, including the most remote places, and anyone who has travelled throughout the world can vouch for that. It amazes me then how Dr. Raphael could be so critical and negative. I quote: "If the Chief Rabbi of Montreal and the Chief Sephardic Rabbi endorse . . . literature which asks children to do good deeds to promote a cure . . ." How such actions could be detrimental eludes me.

Jews have always conducted themselves like this in such situations. What better way could there be than to get children to do good deeds to hasten Rabbi Schneerson's recovery? I have observed children and adults involved with special activities to speed the Rebbe's recovery. Stating that good deeds cannot promote a cure, simply demonstrates a lack of faith in G-d.

Concluding, Dr. Raphael warns about messianic movements. His comparison is simply not accurate. During the times of false messiahs it was the nature of the times that had triggered such a frenzy. Jews underwent tremendous suffering and disaster and were therefore an easy prey for false messiahs like Shabbtai Zevi and Jacob Frank for example, to take them out of their troubles. Those false messianic movements deleted mitzvot from the Torah whenever it was convenient for them.

Now, however, the times and circumstances have changed dramatically, where religious freedom is unprecedented. Also the histroric and dramatic events such as the miracles in the Gulf War, the collapse of communism, and the mass influx of Jews into Israel are unprecedented in 2,000 years of Jewish history and therefore point to a true messianic era.

Yirmiyahu Cohen
Toronto

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THE CASE FOR SERBS

I am both saddened and surprised at the one-sided stand taken by the news media regarding the unfortunate situation in Yugoslavia. As a proud Canadian, I would like to point out that in the past news media demonstrated fair and unbiased actions when dealing with similar situations — I would like to see that this tradition is continued in the future.

I am certain that you are aware that the present borders of the Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina were recognized previously by Hitler and by the communist regime of Tito. In both instances a very large population (over 3,000,000) of Serbs were either forcibly moved, murdered or left outside of the protection of their legitimate representatives. My own relatives, in what is now referred to as the territory of Bosnia and Croatia, were murdered along with Jews and other nationalities living under the Nazi regime of Croatia. The case of just one of my relatives, Dr. Vidic, a member of parliament before World War II, is well-known and documented in Yugoslavia.

Please permit me once more to point out that the present borders between the republics of Yugoslavia were arbitrarily drawn by the dictatorial Communist regime and not by the will of the people. The Croatian government is very happy with the present borders, and refuses to renegotiate since they received large territory from Tito who was also a Croatian.

If a lasting peace is to be achieved in the area, then a more balanced stand by the news media and govermnents should be taken. How about some interviews with Serbs from Krajina? The carnage and murders by the well-armed Croatian army and its mercenaries should also be considered. The borders should be renegotiated peacefully and as impartially as possible and not by the simplistic action of upgrading land areas to statehood.

I hope that *The CJN* and other Canadian Jewish organizations will be more objective in their reporting than the news media have been so far.

Michael Ciric
Toronto

Opinion

Canada approaches its 125th birthday

By J. B. SALSBERG

Let's face it: Canada, the country we live in; Canada, the country we love, is approaching its 125th birthday under menacing skies. The danger of self-destruction is, in my view, frightfully real, but the unity advocates, representing the majority of Canadians, lack the spirit of urgency and they go hunting or fishing as if all was well on the home front. That conception is wrong and harmful.

As I see it, the misguided Separatists in Quebec are smacking their lips in anticipation of a failure of Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark's efforts to build strong bridges between Quebec and the rest of Canada. I, surely not a Conservative, am supporting and praying for the success of Joe Clark's present efforts to retain Canada's original concept of "a Dominion from sea to sea," from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans.

But that glorious dream will never be realized unless we, Canadians of all origins, realize and joyfully accept the fundamental fact of history that Canada is really a bi-national state. That means one political state that is the home of two national entities, English and French. Quebec, with all the attributes of a nation, is French Canada and the rest is English (or at least English-speaking) Canada.

Such multinational states have existed and continue to exist. Belgium and Switzerland are, perhaps, the best examples of such binational and bilingual states. The rejection of such a conception in our country cannot but lead to the ultimate destruction of Canada as we know it and its ultimate absorption into the "melting pot" of the United States of America.

J.B. Salsberg

The threat to the peaceful evolution of our country as a binational and bilingual country comes from the extremist fringes of Quebec and those of the rest of Canada. It also comes from the narrow-minded political yahoos of Western Canada. This latter category, that includes prominent regional and provincial leaders, comes to life every time French Canada is given special assistance for the maintenance of their French linguistic and cultural institutions. When that happens they scream that they too are entitled to the same grants and other "fringe benefits."

On this 125th anniversary of our country's birth it is necessary to recall and to re-emphasize some fundamentals of our country's origin and evolution.

First, that Canada as we know it, the northern portion of the North American continent, was first "discovered" and populated by French explorers and French settlers before the English explorers built their colonies along the Atlantic coast of the newly-discovered continent.

Second, that a war was fought between France and Britain for possession of the St. Lawrence River valley, the gateway to the northern portion of North America. At war's end France ceded the northern portion of North America to Britain.

Third, the French colonies, left to themselves by the exit of French rule, performed a multi-faceted revolutionary act, by turning inward and dedicatedly developed a French-speaking and French cultural political entity on the St. Lawrence river, known as Quebec.

Fourth, without Quebec, what's known as Atlantic Canada would have been eventually lost and would, most likely, gradually have merged with the New England area of the United States.

Fifth, without Quebec there will not, in the long run, be a Canada.

What lesson should Canadians learn on this, the 125th anniversary of the birth of Canada?

First and foremost we need to resolve that Canada is a binational state consisting of English- and French-speaking citizens with their distinctive cultural patterns of life.

Second, that Quebec is the homeland of the French-speaking sector of our country and is not just another of our provinces.

Third, that because of that uniqueness, Quebec has special needs which the other provinces have not and that those special needs create special requirements for our French-speaking entity and that Canada as a whole needs to assume the responsibility for meeting those needs.

Fourth, that the present constitutional debate should actually revolve around that central fact.

Because of all that I hope that the current political efforts of Mr. Joe Clark, the minister of constitutional affairs in the present Conservative government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, succeeds in his efforts to keep our country together and, indeed, strengthen it as the homeland, the mother country, of French and English-speaking Canadians.

Those are my views and those are my wishes on this 125th birthday of our binational and bilingual state of Canada.

Happy birthday and long life to our country, our Canada!

Mummies part of the Bible's 'true' story

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The eternal enemy. When I went to school in the 1920s, my teachers made it very clear that France was Germany's eternal enemy. The Treaty of Versailles was pronounced a national shame and one that sooner or later had to be eradicated. We were reminded that French people still insisted on calling Germans *boches* (a six-letter word better left undefined), and Germans spoke of syphilis as "the French disease", thereby suggesting that their neighbors were thoroughly licentious.

Such linguistic manifestations reflected a deep-seated belief that relations between the two countries would always be confrontational; that both would always compete for a place in the sun; and that, war would be inevitable. The people who supported Hitler took it for granted that despising the French took second place only to hating Jews.

Historians could therefore be excused if, after the humiliation of Germany in World War II, this sense of "the eternal neighborly tension" would be maintained. But now, to everyone's astonishment, the French and the German governments are entering into a pact which a generation and more ago would have been inconceivable. They are planning to create a special army composed of both German and French soldiers which will be separate from NATO. In addition, engineers are busy at their drawing boards for a high-speed rail system linking Paris with Munich and Berlin. My teachers in high school would have considered such stories as taken directly from Grimm's fairy tales.

Rabbi Plaut

I make note of this because I know that similar notions prevail amongst both Jews and Arabs. "We can never trust them, it's a fact of life", so the wisdom goes. Maybe, but then, maybe not.

It is my firm belief that, given the right circumstances, Arabs and Jews can reach the same kind of accommodation that the Germans and French have managed to establish. I presume that in the popular view of the eight century BCE our people felt that the Edomites and Amalekites would be their eternal, unchanging enemies. Nonetheless, Isaiah wrote of the wolf lying down with the lamb and people living together in eternal harmony. Human relationships can be made and can be unmade. That is something worth believing in.

Gleanings. A friend sent me the following which contains genuine student bloopers collected by teachers throughout the United States, from eighth grade through college level. Subject: The Bible.

"The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irritation. The Egyptians built the pyramids in the shape of a huge triangular cube. The pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, once asked, "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Issac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, the son of Issac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarchs, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

Pharaoh forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments, David was a Hebrew King skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

Oh how we love our Northern Exposure

By ERICA MEYER RAUZIN

At our house, when the moose walks, no one talks.

The mangy moose whose stroll begins each episode of *Northern Exposure* is Monday night mascot, the kickoff of an hour of escape and relaxation with people I really like.

Northern Exposure, in case your Mondays are still your own, is a blessedly-unusual, amazingly well-written television program. My life doesn't have room in it for much TV, but this show is special, like a visit with delightfully quirky friends.

The characters live in Cicily, a small Alaska (shot in Washington) town. The central figure is Joel Fleischman, a Jewish doctor from New York. Young Joel went through med school on a state of Alaska scholarship; the payback is that he has to practice medicine for four years in Alaska. Joel figured on Anchorage — big city, golf courses, no problem — but he landed in Cicily. As a New Yorker, as a Jew, he is out of place, and thus his story includes both comedy and drama.

The show's treatment of Joel's Jewishness has sparked some controversy, but I find its approach (to this, and to almost everything else) tender, warm and invitingly weird. If Joel is not the same kind of Jew I am, which of us is alike?

Judaism, in all its largeness, encompasses many kinds of people, including a somewhat assimilated, somewhat shallow but growing deeper, somewhat fish-out-of-the-water , somewhat wonderful, young doctor in Alaska. The show manages some unusual bits that use Jewish themes and images without smarminess, patronization, bigotry, or its opposite face, timidity.

Erica Meyer Rauzin

One of the most wonderful pieces aired at Passover when Joel dreamed that he attended his great-grandfather's candlelit seder in Poland.

A recent episode dealt with Joel's feelings about hunting. The program never said, "Here are a modern, urban, reform Jew's conflicts about hunting for food." It showed, instead, how Joel at first rejected hunting, then tried it, and then rushed to heal the grouse he wounded. Or, as his buddy and adversary, Maggie, a beautiful pilot, put it, "You mean to tell me Fleischman shot a bird and now he's trying to un-shoot it?" Indeed.

The show explored the moral quandries of killing animals for food from several aspects, without reaching a conclusion, without a speck of boredom.

I don't watch much television anymore, although I was a newspaper's television critic for more than a year early in my career. I think TV still has some redeeming possibilities, as proven by *Northern Exposure*, but so much of it is violent or vulgar, a waste of time, effort, money and technology.

We unplugged the downstairs TV from the antenna and hooked it up to a VCR for our kids to watch. We catch the news, now and then, but who has time for more than that? Television just doesn't come up, except on Mondays.

Although I have some problem with those, from the U.S. vice president on down, who cannot distinguish between fictitious people and real ones, I don't want the people on this show to be fiction.

I love magazine interviews with actors about their craft, but I don't want to read about these people in *People*. I want my fantasies preserved. I want pretty Shelly, age 18, and her older steady Holling, to run the Brick — Cicily's gathering place — forever, no matter what roles they get offered on Broadway or in commercials.

If earth mother Ruth Ann doesn't really run the general store; if Ed, the dreamy Native American, isn't really an aspiring film maker; if Maurice, the astronaut who envisions a Chamber of Commerce future for Cicily, isn't really in charge, I don't want to know. Simply don't tell me.

In my mind, whether I'm watching or not, they're out there, somewhere. Disk jockey Chris is broadcasting quirky philosophy, from Jack London to Kant to Vonnegut, over the airwaves of K-BEAR. Zoftig Marilyn is silently ruling the doctor's office. Somewhere, there is still a deep appreciation for nature, peace, fellowship and individuality.

By the time *Northern Exposure* airs at 10 p.m., the kids are asleep. My neighbor, who disconnected her TV years ago, strolls over. My husband closes his briefcase and abandons his desk. We sit together, eating ice cream or popcorn, watching in rapt silence like happy children soothed by a bedtime story. This is our escape, our reward, our Alaska. Our moose.

Jewish culture in Latvia revitalized

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

[Second in a Series]

On a clear spring night in Riga, the capital of Latvia, the theatre in the Jewish community centre was filled to capacity. The audience, a melange of middle-aged, old and young people, was in a celebratory mood as Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, beckoned.

For the next 90 minutes, they were regaled by the Kinnor Children's Ensemble of Jewish Folklore, which performed Israeli dances and belted out schmaltzy Hebrew songs, and by a bouncy dark-haired songstress, who sang tender Yiddish melodies like *Mamaleh* and *Spiel a Liedele*.

Judging from the crowd's enthusiastic reaction, it was a joyous occasion, yet one more example of how Jewish culture has begun to flourish in this newly-independent Baltic nation in the past few years.

Until last summer, when Latvia was part and parcel of a vast Soviet empire which has since collapsed, such an event would have been barely tolerated by the Communist authorities. Ten years ago, before the advent of glasnost, it certainly would have been inconceivable.

In the bad old days, Jewish culture in the now-defunct Soviet Union was brutally quashed and forced underground. In Latvia, as elsewhere in the Baltics, liberalization came sooner than in the rest of the former Soviet Union. But it was not really until the late 1980s, with the Soviet Union already in its death throes, that the last of the totalitarian restrictions against the Jewish community were gradually lifted.

Today, throughout Latvia, Jewish culture is being revived with the encouragement and assistance of the financially-strapped Latvian government. For those whose Jewish lives were forever circumscribed under communism, it is a transcendent moment, a historic turning point for the estimated 18,000 Jews of Latvia.

Esfera Rapina, the co-chairperson of the Latvian Society for Jewish culture, is 75 years old. She remembers the dark days when Hebrew was banned, when Jewish books were not published, when Jewish libraries were shuttered, when Jewish schools and theatres were closed, and when, in short, Jewish culture was officially forbidden and scorned.

But under the Communist system, Jews were not only culturally repressed; they were subjected to slurs and state-sanctioned anti-Semitism.

Ruta Marjasa, a Jewish deputy in the Supreme Council, Latvia's highest parliamentary forum, recalls the imprisonment of her parents in 1953, on the eve of Josef Stalin's death. The KGB, the secret police, accused them of being "Zionists" and "nationalists." If Stalin had not died, they might have disappeared in a Siberian gulag.

With a shudder, Marjasa, 65, recalls the torrent of official publications that linked Jews with "international imperialism." And with rising indignation, she speaks of the discrimination which greeted Jewish university students, and of the difficulties she had in finding a job after graduation, even though she was at the top of her class.

Yuri Vulfsons, a 36-year-old solid state physicist, had similar experiences. Because he is Jewish, the best universities in Moscow were beyond his reach. "For a Jew, it was practically impossible to get in," he says. "It was an unofficial policy. It was humiliating."

With Latvia having attained independence, Jews like Vulfsons and Marjasa are hopeful that a new era has been ushered in. Yet realistically, no one expects the Jewish community to regain its pre-World War II vitality and stature, when Latvia was home to about 95,000 Jews. Simply put, emigration is draining the community.

Before the war, prior to the 1940 Soviet invasion and the catastrophic 1941 German occupation, Latvia had a thriving Jewish community with its own cultural autonomy.

There was a broad network of Yiddish and Hebrew schools, while synagogues and Jewish institutions flourished. Avrom Bar-Mazel, an 83-year-old Riga pensioner who had once toyed with the idea of immigrating to Canada, fondly remembers the Jewish Riga of the 1920s and 1930s.

Although the golden age of Latvian Jewry has receded into the mists, Gregory Kroupnikov — a Riga city councilman, a businessman and co-chairman of the Latvian Society for Jewish Culture — is fairly upbeat about the future.

He realizes that the disastrous state of Latvia's economy, the rising tide of right-wing nationalism and the lure of Israel will drive away still more Jews. Yet he hews to the belief that a viable, though relatively small, Jewish community is not merely an exercise in wishful thinking.

Kroupnikov, 43, proudly notes that the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture in New York has chosen Riga as a model community in post-Communist Eastern Europe.

"We've made the transition from a cultural community to a full-fledged Jewish community," he explains.

In recognition of this momentous change, he adds, the Latvian Society for Jewish Culture (which was established in 1988) will henceforth be known as the Council of Jewish Communities in Latvia. Like the Canadian Jewish Congress, it will function as an umbrella organization.

The overwhelming majority of Latvian Jews live in Riga, whose Jewish population once exceeeded 40,000. There are relatively significant concentrations of Jews in Daugavpils (Dvinsk) and Liepaja (Libau).

It is a geriatric community, with about half of its members over the age of 60. The incidence of mixed marriage is rising. There is one functioning synagogue in Riga, presided over by Rabbi Natan Barkan, a Lubavitcher rebbe. Kosher meat is not sold in Latvia, but kosher chicken is sometimes available.

A native of Riga who lived in Israel until quite recently, Rabbi Barkan says that Latvia's success in attaining full independence from the former Soviet Union has rubbed off on Jews.

"Jews are beginning to throw off their angst of being Jewish," he says in Yiddish, a language in which few young people are conversant. "Jewish life is growing stronger."

Without a doubt, the jewels in the community's crown are the Riga Jewish Day School and the Kinnor ensemble.

The secular day school, which was inaugurated in memory of the late Jewish historian Simon Dubnow, opened in September 1989. According to Hone Bregman, its first principal and one of its founders, it was the first Jewish school in the former Soviet Union since World War II.

Subsidized in part by the government, the school initially had 150, then 380, pupils, aged six to 18. Today, it boasts of more than 500 students — about 350 studying at the main campus in Jugla, a Riga suburb, and some 200 in two other buildings in the city. The Jugla building, which is adorned with posters, drawings and Magen Davids, is shared with a police detachment. Principal Anatoly Friedman expects the policemen to move out shortly.

The curriculum consists of general and Jewish subjects. The main language of instruction is Russian, since 90 percent of its students were at Russian schools before 1989, but courses are also given in Latvian, Hebrew, Yiddish and English.

By Bregman's estimate, less than a quarter of the Jewish children in Riga attend the school. Friedman's figure is considerably lower. Surprisingly, a handful of the students are Christians. Bregman says their parents believe that they will get a better education in a Jewish school.

The state subsidy is appreciated, but it is insufficient. "All Latvian schools are underfinanced," explains Bregman. "We're in an economic crisis."

As a result, Friedman is dependent on assistance from the "Joint" (American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee), the Jewish Agency, the Israeli ministry of education and private donations. He could use an additional $15,000 (U.S.) per year.

The Jewish Sunday school, of which Bregman is principal, has fewer than 30 students, aged six to 15. Sponsored by the World Union of Progressive Judaism, it started last January. It is designed for those who do not attend the regular Jewish day school.

The subjects are Hebrew and Jewish history, traditions and music. English is also taught. Russian is the language of instruction.

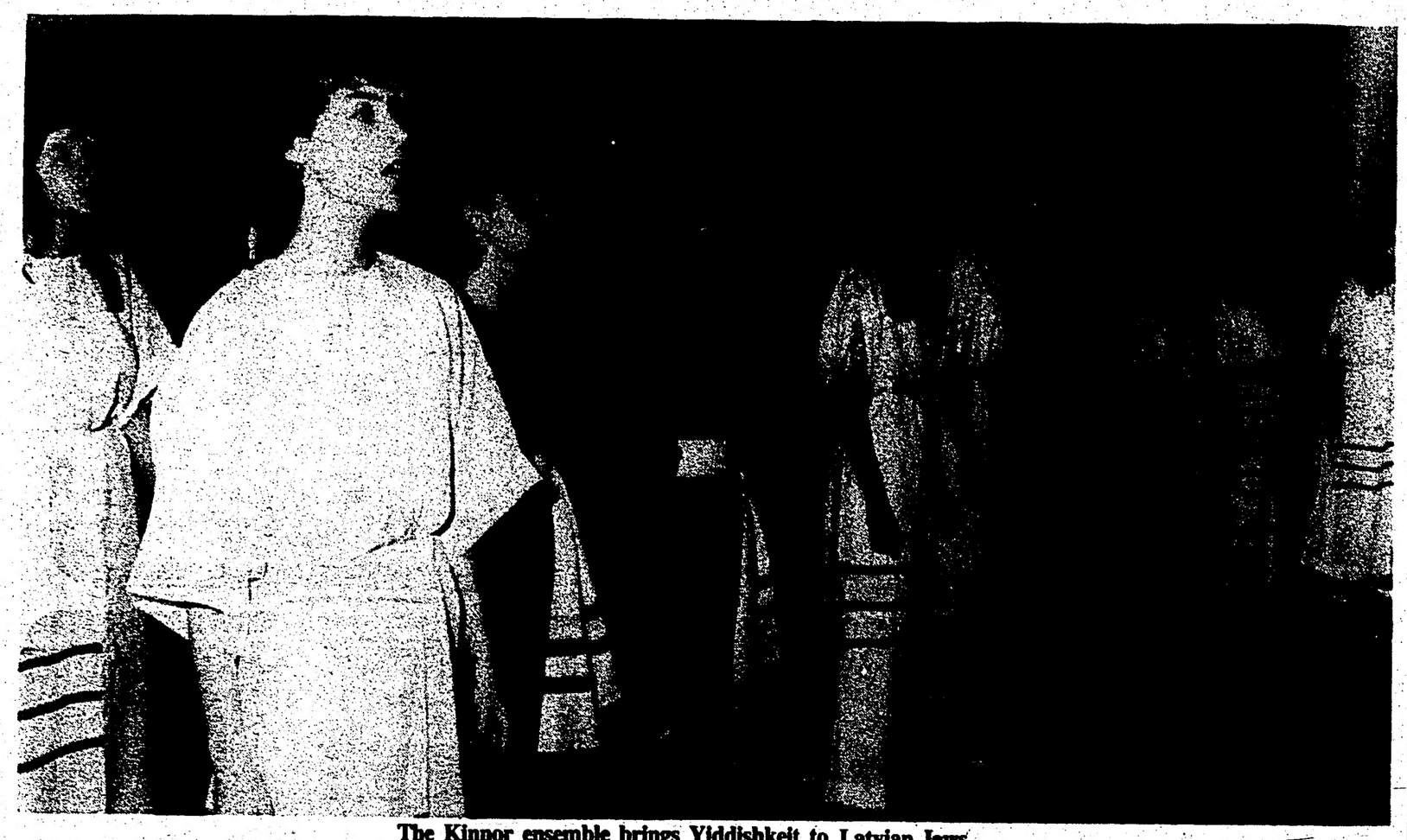
Kinnor was established in October 1988 by Michael Leinwand and his wife. Leinwand, a 43-year-old professional musician and conductor, is absolutely certain that the Communist regime would have banned Kinnor had it been founded a few years earlier. "It would have aroused suspicion. They would have said, 'It is alien to our Russian and Latvian music. We don't need it. It's Zionistic.' "

Kinnor, he says, was the first Jewish children's ensemble in the ex-Soviet Union after World War II. Its repertoire is a medley of romantic and wartime ghetto songs and chassidic and cantorial chants in "Jewish" languages, principally Hebrew, Yiddish and Ladino.

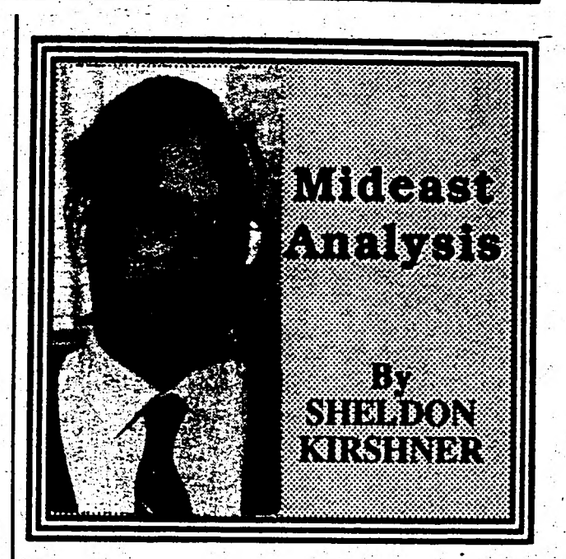
Largely financed by the Latvian Society for Jewish Culture, Kinnor has been aided by the Memorial Fund for Jewish Culture. Widely travelled, Kinnor has appreared at festivals in Israel, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, the United States and the former Soviet Union. It was invited to Canada, but was unable to raise funds for the trip.

In Leinwand's view, Kinnor has raised Jewish consciousness throughout Latvia. "We've stimulated the development of Jewish culture — Yiddishkeit."

After the Holocaust and the long night of Soviet rule, it seems almost miraculous that Yiddishkeit is actually making a comeback in Latvia. This historic process of revitalization is still very much in flux. But it has definitely begun, shortages of funds notwithstanding.



The Kinnor ensemble brings Yiddishkeit to Latvian Jews.



Latvia, the first Baltic nation to establish relations with Israel, regards the Jewish state as a role model.

At least this is the view of two influential Latvian decision makers — Romualdas Razukas and Andris Jakûbans — who see parallels between the two countries.

"Israel, from zero, managed to build, more or less, a democratic, stable and secure state," says Razukas, chairman of the Popular Front of Latvia, which in the late 1980s and early 1990s spearheaded Latvia's struggle for independence and international recognition. "We can learn from Israel."

Jakubans, editor of the Riga daily Neatkariga, explains that Latvians can be inspired by Israel because, like Latvia, it is a small country trying to preserve the culture of a fiercely independent people.

Shortly after it pulled free of the Soviet Union and declared independence last August, Israel extended diplomatic recognition to Latvia (and Lithuania and Estonia.) Latvia had already indicated a desire for official links with Israel.

Two months ago, a senior official from Israel's embassy in Moscow arrived in Riga to open an office in the Latvian capital. Gershon Gorev, a 63-year-old career diplomat who has served in Warsaw and Vienna, rented space in an old building in the centre of Riga.

Israel's mission is called the Israel Cultural and Information Centre, although it is slated to become the Israeli embassy in the Baltics. Israel has plans for a consulate in Vilnius, according to the chairman of Lithunia's Jewish community, Gregory Kanovich.

Last month, Latvia opened an honorary consulate in Tel Aviv's Asia House, headed by Ruven Shpungen, an ex-Latvian Jew from London. Latvian diplomats are not accredited to the consulate, possibly due to a shortage of hard currency.

Israel role model for Latvians

The Israel Cultural and Information Centre is in a neighborhood that was considered one of Riga's finest residential areas before World War II. The interior, though rather spartan, is plastered with bright Hebrew posters. Israeli newspapers lie scattered around on tables.

Moshe Arens, Israel's defence minister, was a recent visitor. Arens, who was born in Kaunas, Lithuania, and raised in Riga, spent two busy days in Latvia at the end of April. He held meetings with several Latvian ministers and parliamentarians and, together with his wife and daughters, revisited his family's former dwelling in Riga.

The Israel Cultural and Information Centre is a magnet for potential olim. Gorev says that anywhere from 100 to 150 Baltic Jews visit the premises every month to obtain Israeli visas. Latpas, the Latvian airline company, has been flying immigrants to Israel on weekly flights since February of this year.

Gorev, who was a counsellor in the Israeli embassy in Moscow, believes that Latvia is very interested in establishing a a solid relationship with Israel.

He thinks that mutual trade can further good relations. Latvia can sell Israel timber, wheat and meat, while Latvia can buy Israeli scientific and policing equipment. Israel can offer Latvia help with its inefficient agricultural sector, Gorev adds. He does not think that Latvia has the means to purchase Israeli weaponry.

Joint ventures between Israeli and Latvian companies have begun, discloses Mavriks Vulfsons, a prominent figure in the local Jewish community, an ambassador-at-large and a member of parliament.

Vulfsons — who until last year was chairman of the parliamentary foreign affairs committee — says that Latvia has no official ties with the Arab world. However, Egypt and Yemen have recognized Latvia.

Jakubans says that the average Latvian can't understand the dynamics of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Nevertheless, Israel is popular among most Latvians. "There is a good feeling for Israel here," observes Vulfsons.

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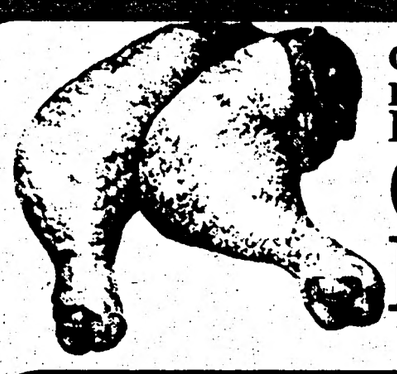

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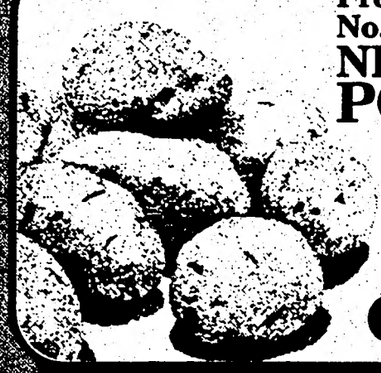

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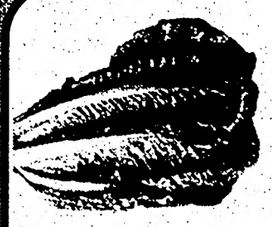

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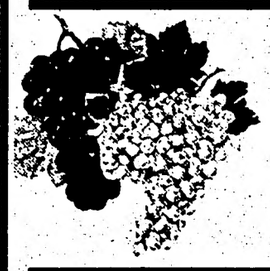

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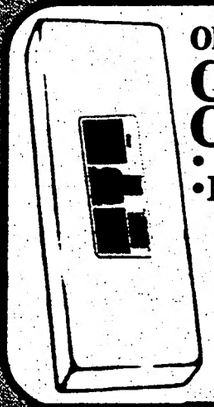

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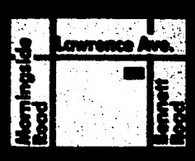

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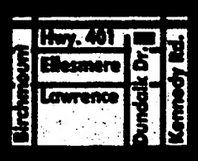

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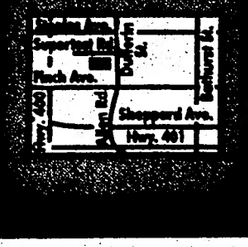

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Russian Jewish newcomers welcomed through JFED program

Wanted: A Canadian family to meet with a similarly structured Russian family, newly arrived in Toronto. Object: cultural exchange, friendship and Jewish experiences.

Through the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre, many happy "shidduchim" are being made between Russian and Toronto Jewish families.

The bonding between them has led to greater understanding, sensitivity and increased contact between the two Jewish worlds, according to those who have become involved.

Through the Family-to-Family program, Canadian and Russian families celebrated Passover together. Pictured , from left, is host Dr. Marshall Redhill, daughter Danielle and guest and Russian family members Inna and Anatoly Faershtein.

Family to Family, the JCC/Federation-backed program described above, is just one of many offered by the Community Integration Program (CIP), operated at the JCC's northern branch. CIP is a beneficiary of the Federation and its United Jewish Appeal/Operation Exodus campaign.

CIP committee co-chairs Marsha Slavens and Susan Goldberg have devoted themselves to the cause of integrating new members of the approximately 15,000-strong Russian community into North American society.

"Our mandate is to be a resource and a coordinating body for the community," says Slavens. "CIP is the hub of a wheel -- other activities go on around us. We are trying to ensure there is no duplication of all the other groups."

CIP has a full-time, Russian speaking staff and uses Russian volunteers to make the new immigrants feel at ease, says Slavens.The Russian structure mirrors the Canadian structure of professionals and volunteers.

She points out that the philosophy in Canada differs from that of the United States, where outreach often begins at the airport. "We don't go out to the airport with banners and flags. That's just not Canadian.

It's mostly the family members who go and greet their relatives at the airport. "Our involvement begins after they've completed three months of orientation with JIAS (Jewish Immigrant Aid Society) and have minimal English so that they can communicate with Canadians."

The integration process begins after they have become relatively settled so that they can enter into a meaningful relationship with a Canadian family, Slavens adds.

During the CIP orientation process, a case worker from JIAS will come in and speak to the Canadians who are planning to get involved in Family to Family.

"They talk about what these new immigrants have gone through and their sense of loss," says Slavens, who notes that as a group, Russian Jews are highly educated, cultured and anxious to become productive members of their new community.

Family to Family ran a seder program in which over 70 Russian families were paired with Canadian host families.

"Our goal is to help them rediscover their Jewishness in their new home," Slavens sums up. "But then, we try to fit the Jewish component in as best we can. That's the agenda."

Russians bring their own folklore to Toronto

NCJW COUNCIL HOUSE -- It was quite unexpected. The Bingo cards and chips were safely packed away. The host volunteers from National Council of Jewish Women (Toronto Section) who ran the Bingo night for Russian immigrants were getting ready to call it a night. Then, the party began in earnest.

One woman made her way to the piano and began to play a Russian song. Immediately, the sound of dancing, singing, laughing and clapping could be heard throughout the room. It was quite a picture. Three generations of recent Russian immigrants participated in the spontaneous sing-a-long. By the end of the night, many asked their hosts if they could do it again soon.

The program has proven so successful that the social gatherings will be held monthly.

According to Susan Goldberg, Community Integration Program co-chair, the committee is looking into having National Council of Jewish Women's Council House host more evenings like that one.

Goldberg and others have been inspired by Toronto's Russian community.

Many who volunteer with the new immigrants have poignant anecdotes to tell: One Canadian woman who was discouraged because she hadn't Bingo'd all night said to her Russian friend, "I'm unlucky."Her friend said, "We're all lucky -- we're lucky to be here."

The program was co-sponsored by NCJW and the Russian Integration committee (RIC) of the Jewish Women's Federation. Marlene Sklar chairs RIC.

Sklar leads co-sponsored programs with JWF affiliates. These include Jewish observances and social/cultural events held throughout the year.

Left: Russian enthusiasm turned a Bingo night into a celebration of life in a new home. Middle: CIP co-chair Marsha Slavens (left) and CIP Russian director Luda Felik were pleased with the turnout as well as the excitement level of the evening. Right: It only took a few chords on the piano to begin the spontaneous cultural

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Russian campaign demonstrates a goodwill return on investment

UNITED JEWISH APPEAL -- Russian Division head Raya Plots knows a lot about the community she canvasses.

Plots, a Russian native, was the recipient of the Outstanding Canvasser Award, presented by UJA/Operation Exodus at its Grande Finale campaign closing earlier this year. Four years ago, when there was a surge of Russian immigration to Toronto, Plots began canvassing other Russians on behalf of UJA. Plots says that there are as many as 20 active members of the Russian community who canvass on behalf of the Russian division.

Do Russians prefer to be canvassed by Russians? Plots explains that those who have not been in the country for very long or those who are elderly often prefer being canvassed in their native language.

Up until now, she continues, there have been no special UJA/Operation Exodus programs for Russians. Apart from fund raising, the Russian Division acts as an outreach tool to Russian Jews.

"We try to explain what UJA is and why we should pledge," Plots says. "We came here because of the UJA campaign. We are here only because North Americans were collecting money for us. And now, it's our duty to help our brothers and sisters."

Correction

In the story announcing this year's annual Ben Sadowski award winner in the Annual Report Issue of the Federation News, the late Harry Steiner was inadvertently listed as a member of the Ben Sadowski award committee. The Federation regrets the error and hopes the family was not caused any undue distress.

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Your Voice Counts

Greater Toronto has a large number of Jewish full day and afternoon schools that serve close to 16,000 children yearly. In addition, Jewish educational programming, for children and adults, can take place in a wide variety of other settings, including: universities, synagogues and related religious institutions, the Jewish Community Centre, various cultural and Zionist groups, youth groups, camps, and Israel trips.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the central community umbrella organization, distributes a portion of the funds collected through its UJA campaign to various institutions delivering Jewish education. The majority of that money is spent to provide financial assistance to families to send their children to Jewish day schools. The Federation also provides leadership development and communal planning support to the educational system. Moreover, through its Board of Jewish Education, service and coordination is provided to many of the schools. Other service agencies supported by the Federation, such as Jewish Family and Child Service, Jewish Vocational Services, and the Jewish Community Centre give assistance to a wide range of educational programs.

This spring, the Federation created its Commission on Jewish education to review the state of Jewish education in the community. The Commission will report its findings by spring, 1993, making recommendations on actions it feels should be taken with respect to the Federation's role in Jewish education.

As part of its deliberations, the Commission is welcoming written submissions from a wide group of concerned and interested parties-- institutions, organizations and individuals -- to share with the Commission their views of the state of Jewish education in the Greater Toronto area. To help the Commission with its task, we would appreciate your views on the following issues:

Jewish Education Commission Issues

1. How would you define Jewish education and the objectives of Jewish education for the Jewish community of Greater Toronto?

2. What should be the specific role of the Federation with respect to Jewish education?

3. Based on your assessment of the current state of Jewish education, are the objectives being met by the community and Federation?

4. Given the objectives and state of Jewish education are there gaps, and if so, which should be addressed first?

5. What recommendations do you have for improving the use of communal resources, both financial and non-financial, in providing Jewish education?

6. Given your responses above, what specific actions would you recommend in terms of the Federation's involvement in Jewish education?

The above suggestions reflect some of the key questions confronting the Commission. They are meant to stimulate your thinking but not necessarily restrict it. Please feel free to share with the Commission whatever information you see as relevant.

Please send your submission to:

Jewish Education Commission
Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto
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and return it as early as possible but no later than September 15, 1992.

Should you have any questions, please call Jay Brodbar at 635-2883 ext 150.

Community's response important to Commission study

FEDERATION -- "We want input from individuals, organizations and institutions that are interested in or affected by Jewish education," says Ronald Appleby, chairman of the Commission on Jewish Education. On behalf of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the Commission will be examining the perceptions of the Jewish public regarding Jewish education.

"We want their views on key issues that are faced and their suggestions on how to resolve those issues," he says.

Rather than to function as a research committee, Appleby says the Commission is looking to the Toronto Jewish community for practical resolutions.

"We want to respond in short time, especially regarding financial matters," he explains. "The cost of financing Jewish education is an enormous responsibility. It's a burden to the average Jewish family."

The responses will enable the Commission to focus upon the issues affecting Jewish education with the community's priorities in mind.

Organizations and People

Ottawa community looks for new leaders

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA —

Grooming future leaders is crucial in Ottawa, where services are racing to keep up with demand in Canada's fastest growing Jewish community.

To meet the call for leaders the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa and the Women's Division of the United Jewish Appeal (Ottawa) this year sponsored the first intensive leadership training course for young women. The 29 graduates of the year-long course were honored at the Jewish Community Council's annual general meeting on June 10.

"This is the beginning of a wise investment by our community in its future," said Linda Nadolny Cogan, who coordinated the course.

"The long-term future of any Jewish community," she added, "including the expansion and development of campaigns, depends upon the constant training of new volunteers."

Ottawa has had a leadership program for many years, but this is the first course exclusively for women.

Nadolny Cogan says she expected fewer than 20 applications when the course was advertised and was astonished to receive 60. Graduates of the first class ranged in age from 25 to 45.

Some of the women in the course were already active in Jewish groups, but most, says Nadolny Cogan, were involved in only a marginal way.

Sheila Stanislawski Osterer, 37, and mother of three, says she was barely involved in other Jewish organizations before she took the course. She enrolled because she was looking for something educational, rather than social and she saw it as a route to leadership.

The women met for monthly training sessions on budgeting, public speaking, fundraising, anti-Semitism, Israel, leadership styles, and the United Jewish Appeal. They were also required to sit as observers on the board of a Jewish agency.

In the coming year the graduates will put their skills to work. They will plan and run the training program for next year's class and each woman will sit on the board of a Jewish agency in the community.

Also honored at the annual meeting was Stephen Victor, who received the community's highest award for long and distinguished service. Victor, 50, has chaired or served on the boards of central Jewish agencies for the past 25 years. Nationally, he is a member of the Canada-Israel Committee, and sits on the board of the United Israel Appeal.

Victor believes every Jew has a lifelong duty to serve the Jewish community.

Howard Osterer, 37, received the award for distinguished service for someone under the age of 40. Osterer is well known not only for resurrecting Ottawa's Jewish Cub Pack and Beaver Colony four years ago, but for creating the only co-ed troop in the city.

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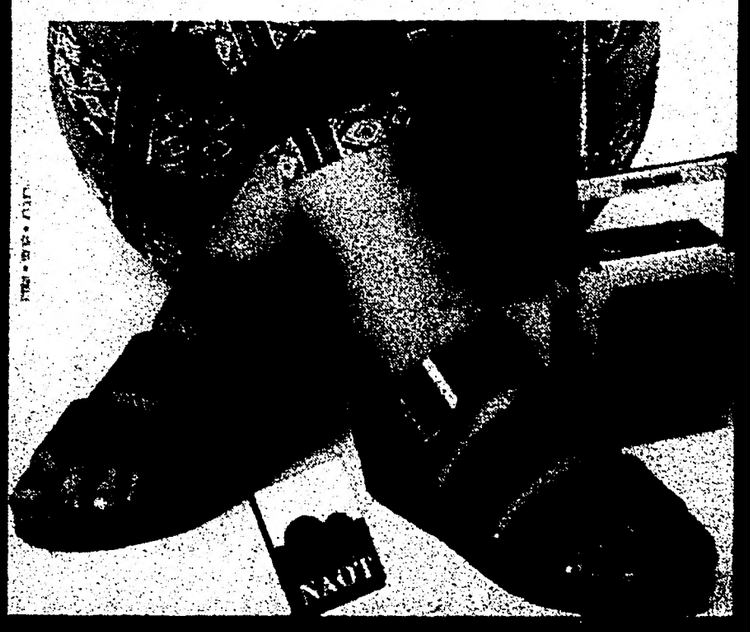

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Jewish newsmakers

Degree for Rosalie Abella

VICTORIA — Judge Rosalie Silberman Abella, of the Ontario Court of Appeal, has been "a tireless and zealous advocate of substantive quality for all the peoples of Canada, irrespective of gender, race, ethnic origin, color, religion, disability or sexual orientation," said Maureen Maloney, dean of law at the University of Victoria (UVic) at a ceremony awarding Abella a Doctor of Laws degree at the university's recent convocation.

Maloney praised Abella's "sense of social justice, loyalty to friends and, perhaps most important of all in an increasingly serious world, an ability to have fun and share joy with others." — **Maurice Lucow**

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Lambert receives Doctor of Laws degree

VANCOUVER — Phyllis Lambert, of Montreal, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the recent convocation of the University of British Columbia (UBC).

Lambert is a well known architect and was honored for her architectural achievements. She is the founder of the Canadian Centre for Architecture in Montreal.

Also honored at the UBC event was Mel Hurtig, president of Hurtig Publishers Ltd., Edmonton.

— **Maurice Lucow**

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B.C. awards OBC for service

VICTORIA — Joseph Segal, a leading member of the Vancouver Jewish community, has been awarded the Order of British Columbia (OBC) for 1992.

Twelve other British Columbians also received the OBC. They were chosen from 230 nominations. Each received a medallion which incorporates the dogwood, the province's floral emblem, and the B.C. shield of arms.

Born in Vegreville, Alta., Segal settled in Vancouver, where he founded Fields Stores Limited.

He is a member of the board of governors of Yeshiva University, chairman of the Vancouver Talmud Torah School Foundation, co-chairman of the capital campaign for the Louis Brier Home and Hospital for Aged and a board member of this institution and a life governor of the Vancouver Talmud Torah school. He was president of Schara Tzedek Synagogue for four years.

— **Maurice Lucow**

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Kotler honored

KELOWNA — More than 400 attended a dinner "roast" on June 2 for Mel Kotler, fundraising chairman for the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre. Kotler has been the driving force behind the planning of the centre, which is now under construction and scheduled to open in September.

Head table guests and roasters included Grace McCarthy, a former privincial cabinet minister; Cliff Serwa, MLA for Okanagan South and honorary chairman of the evening; Robert Levin, president of the Okanagan Jewish community and Dean Cooper, head of radio stations CKOV/CKLZ in Kelowna. Mel Cooper, who heads CFAX and Victor Kotler presented two photo collages depicting many events of the Okanagan Jewish Community. These will be on display in the new community centre. — **Maurice Lucow**

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Winnipeg leader dies

WINNIPEG — With the sudden passing of Dave Stitz in April in Rochester, the Winnipeg Jewish community has lost a man who gave much of himself to the community both in leadership roles and behind the scenes.

A product of the north end, Stitz, 66, had been active in Jewish organizations all his life.

His major involvements over the last 10 to 20 years had been with his synagogue, the Beth Israel, which he served as president for four years, the Israel Bond Organization which he served as chairman 1985-1987, and Winnipeg's Vaad Hair which he chaired for five years in the 1980s. He was still active in the Vaad at the time of his passing.

He leaves behind his wife, Shaino, his sons, Martin, Sholom and Marshall and his wife, Mia, and two grandchildren. — **Myron Love**

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War orphans to reunite

WINNIPEG — A unique group of Holocaust survivors is celebrating its 20th anniversary in October as well as the 45th anniversary of their arrival in Winnipeg.

The members of ANAV (initials for a Hebrew phrase meaning "Help Youth Forever") are composed of 175 war orphans (and their spouses) who were brought to Winnipeg by the Canadian Jewish Congress in the fall of 1947.

In 1972, those still in Winnipeg decided to hold a reunion. The reunion was a success and ANAV developed from it.

Because ANAV members were all orphans, the organization has concentrated on helping children.

Of the original 175 orphans, 40 are still in Winnipeg. Weinfeld reports over 100 have confrimed they will be coming for the October reunion. The three-day affair will consist of a cocktail party on Friday, Oct. 9, a gala evening on Saturday and a Sunday brunch.— **Myron Love**

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Baycrest gets new number

TORONTO — Older adults interested in applying to any of Baycrest Centre's programs need only call one number.

The new Co-ordinated Client Service (CCS) provides one-stop access to virtually all Baycrest programs.

Plans to incorporate Baycrest Hospital programs into the new service are also underway. Meantime, enquiries will be referred to the Hospital Intake Department.

The new system is part of a centre-wide reorganization that emphasizes the centre as an integral whole rather than as a group of individual facilities.

To contact the Co-ordinated Client Service, call 789-5131, ext. 2231.

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Bibershtein thanks golfers

TORONTO — Marina Bibershtein, who made aliya with her parents last year, has a group of Canadian golfers to thank for the opportunity to study mathematics at the Technion.

The Canadian Technion Society's 1991 golf tournament raised the scholarship money from which Bibershtein benefited. She began her studies in October, shortly after her arrival in Israel.

The scholarship was part of over $1 million raised for Russian integration at Technion by the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Technion Society in 1991.

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Waddington says farewell

TORONTO — Her colleagues in Friends of Yiddish bid a fond farewell recently to Miriam Waddington, the noted Canadian poet, who is moving to Vancouver to be near a son.

"When I was a girl in Winnipeg and my mother spoke to me in Yiddish I was ashamed," she told her friends. "Now in the subway and on street cars I hear children chattering in Chinese to their parents, and no one is ashamed so we've made some progress."

The poet who is professor emeritus of English at York University said she becomes closer and closer to the Yiddish language as she gets older. She is taking a lot of Yiddish books to Vancouver and hopes to start a Yiddish-speaking group there.

— **Ben Rose.**

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Freiberg, Soupcoff communal activists

TORONTO — Max Freiberg and Louis Soupcoff, two well-known Jewish communal activists, died recently within days of one another.

Freiberg was best known for his work on behalf of the Jabotinsky Lodge and Herut-Likud's central region.

He died at age 70 after a lengthy illness.

Born in the eastern Galician town of Radomysl, Freiberg joined the Betar youth Zionist movement at age 8. At 16, he began writing Yiddish poetry.

He survived the Flossenburg concentration camp along with his father and two brothers.

He immigrated to Canada in 1959 and established a furniture business, Belmont Furniture.

His communal involvement was limited mainly to Herut-Likud Canada, in which he served as president of the central region.

He leaves wife Esther, sons Sam and Ami and four grandchildren.

Soupcoff, a fundraiser for United Jewish Appeal, State of Israel Bonds and other charities, died suddenly at age 78.

A past president of Beth Sholom Synagogue, Soupcoff was also instrumental in setting up a branch of the Boy Scouts for Jewish boys in Toronto.

Born in Toronto, Soupcoff established Dominion Citrus and Drugs Ltd. with two partners in 1938.

He went on to become president of the Canadian Fruit and Wholesalers Association.

He served as educational director and chairman of the board of education at the Mildred Arnoff Memorial School, Beth Sholom's Hebrew school, and was active in Histadrut and Camp Ramah.

Soupcoff leaves wife Rose, children Adrienne, Murray and Gary and eight grandchildren. — **Ron Csillag**

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note these deadline changes for What's New and About People due to the fact that we will not be publishing the issues of July 2, July 16, and Aug. 6, and also that we are closing for a vacation period the week of July 6.

Thursday, June 25, is deadline for July 9 issue and also for material that would ordinarily appear in the July 16 issue.

Thursday, July 2, is deadline for July 23 issue.

Thursday, July 16 is deadline for the July 30 issue as well as material that would ordinarily appear in the Aug. 6 issue.

Thursday, June 25

ADULT FILM NIGHT

Wychwood Library's summer film festival, Women of Mystery, presented the last Thursday of every month, starts off with *Angel Face* with **Jean Simmons**. Movie time is 6:30 p.m. The library is at 1431 Bathurst St.

Friday, June 26

PRIDE WEEK ONEG SHABBAT

Congregation Keshet Shalom is holding a Pride Week Oneg Shabbat service beginning at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:45) followed by kiddush at 9. The congregation, for Jewish gays, lesbians and bisexual Jews, meets at 117 Gerrard St. E. For information, call 925-1408.

Sunday, June 28

GIANT BINGO FUNDRAISER

For those of you who play bingo or would like to play for the chance to win some great prizes, and help children and adults with handicaps, the Muki Baum Association is holding its Giant Bingo fundraising event at 12:30 p.m. at Finch Bingo Country, 2424 Finch Ave. W. (telephone 740-1009). Prizes include $10,000 prize board, $2,500 full card jackpot.

Proceeds will go to Muki Baum Association for the Rehabilitation of Multi-Handicapped, towards purchasing necessary equipment for various programs. If you would like more information on the Muki Baum Association, call 630-2222.

GARAGE SALES

This is a great day for garage sales, So, bargain hunters, check this list—

Chapter Soleil, B'nai Brith Women, is holding a garage sale, offering, jeans, toys, books and all kinds of things, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 47 Greenwin Village Rd.

Chai Chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, giant sale runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 144 Rosedale Heights Dr., Thornhill.

Sharsheret Chapter, Emunah Women, promises lots of bargains at its sale at 101 Rodeo Dr., Thornhill, (Bathurst and Clark) open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Monday, June 29

YIDDISH OUTDOOR CONCERT

The Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is sponsoring a free outdoor Yiddish concert at 7 p.m. at Earl Bales Park. Featured performers include Yiddish vocalist **Adrienne Cooper** and **Mort Freeman**, both of New York City, backed up by the Stan Hiltz Orchestra and the Zemer Chorale of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Conductor is **Charles Heller**. **Richard Bassett** will be master of ceremonies.

Concert is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, North York Arts Grants, Musicians Union Trust Fund and Ontario Arts Council.

THE ORAL LAW

The Oral Law, a video-taped lecture by **Rabbi Dale Gottlieb**, lecturer at Ohr Somayach in Jerusalem, is the topic of the concluding lecture of Ohr Somayach/JEP's Monday night series. The time is 8 p.m. at 2939 Bathurst St. There is no charge. For information, call 785-5899.

Tuesday, June 30

DO YOU SHAPE UP?

Donway Place, Retirement Residence, is presenting a symposium entitled Do You Shape Up? with guest panelists **Dr. David Ivey**, chiropractor; **Gordie Skinner**, teacher, Yoga Centre of Toronto, and **Jim Emery**, director of fitness department, Jewish Community Centre. Displays represented by North York Heart & Stroke Foundation and the Toronto Tai Chi Association will be on hand.

The time is 2:30 p.m. at 8 Donway E. Admission is free. Space is limited and early reservations are requested. Contact **Marlene White** at 785-1511.

Wednesday, July 1

CANADA DAY

The City of North York is holding a special, family-oriented celebration featuring **Murray McLauchlan, Sylvia Tyson** and comedian **Dave Broadfoot** and the musical show *We Are All Canadians*, followed by fireworks. Admission is free. The event takes place, rain or shine, from 6-10 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St.

A Blue Jay game (Toronto Blue Jays vs. Texas Rangers) and post-game barbecue in support of the Epilepsy Association of Metro Toronto begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Skydome. To order your tickets ($20 per person), call the Association at 964-9095.

The City of Vaughan plans fun events for every member of the family for both indoors and outdoors at Maple Community Centre, 10190 Keele St., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kosher food will be available.

The McMichael's celebration will be a day of fun-filled activities for the entire family with entertainment, Symbols of Canada and Paint Your Own Clothing workshops, tours of the art exhibitions and films about Canada's great artists.

Friday, July 3

MUSICAL HAPPY HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** will perform at Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd., from 2-3 p.m. in a program of dancing, Jewish, semi-classical and popular music.

Tuesday July 7

B'nai Brith Lodge Fraternite's monthly meeting takes place at 8 p.m. at 15 Hove St. The topic (in French) is French Resistance — Its Involvement in the Liberation of France. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 255-6086.

Wednesday, July 8

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto features **Dr. Anthony Levitt**, deputy head, Mood Disorders Program, Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, whose topic will be Medication Treatment of Depression. The meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. at 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224C. For information about support groups, call 486-8046.

Thursday, July 9

HELPING YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Helping Your Environment By Cleaning Up Your Garbage is the topic of the meeting at Donway Place, Retirement Residence, 8 Donway E., at 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker is **Barbara Shore** from the Metropolitan Public Works Department. Admission is free but reserve early as space is limited. Call **Marlene White** at 445-7555.

LIBRARY FILM

The film, *The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pitman* (1974), dealing with the black experience in the U.S., and featuring **Cicely Tyson** will be shown at Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.

And What Else Is New...

THE BRACHA HALACHA

In doubt about which blessings to say when and on what? No level is too basic nor too advanced for this series! The Brunch-Time Lecture Series at Ohr Somayach/JEP of Thornhill will quickly dispel any doubts. The series, presented by one of the most popular teachers/lecturers, begins Monday, July 6, and continues on each successive Monday in July from 10-11:30 a.m. at 613 Clark Ave. W. There is no admission fee. Babysitting is available.

BETH SHOLOM HEBREW SCHOOL

Beth Sholom Mildred Arnoff Hebrew School, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., annouces that school registration is now open to the community. Classes are held three days a week for Grades 2-7, two days a week for Grade 1 and Sunday mornings for kindergarten.

Learn about our heritage and participate in Conservative Jewish customs and ceremonies. Classes commence Sept. 9. To register, call the principal **Ziona Rubinsztejn** at 783-6103.

GLASS PAINTINGS

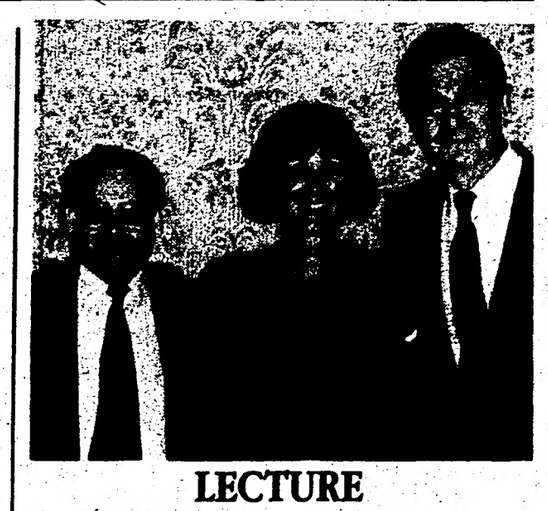
An exhibition of glass paintings, many on Israeli scenes and themes, by **Beca Rind** opens July 2 at the Yorkville Library, 22 Yorkville Ave., and will be on view through July 31. The Romanian-born artist's work brought her several state awards. Her painting, *Joseph*, was recently exhibited at the Tel Aviv Bible Museum in the show, Israeli Artists Paint the Bible.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

The summer season of B'nai Isaac Synagogue, Baysville, Ont., begins the weekend of June 26-28. Friday evening services are at sundown and Saturday morning services at 9:45. For more information, call 636-2223.

HARDER, FASTER & PUMPED UP

Hebrew Athletics, Toronto's Jewish cycling club, is looking for a few good cyclists to form Hebrew Athletics official touring team (75-250 km). Call **Phil Galin** at 486-3304.



LECTURE

The Biotechnical Institute of Israel recently welcomed Dr. John Zeldin (right), chief of orthopedic surgery at Toronto' Humber Memorial Hospital, as guest lecturer. He addressed some of the 1000 Russian physicians presently studying at the Biotech. With him are his wife Sheila Zeldin, president of Art Collection Canada, and Dr. Itzhak Reizfeld, dean of the Institute. The visit was part of the Academic Exchange Program between the Institute and Canadian physicians.

JFGT AWARD

Dr. Arnold A. Epstein (left) presents the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit to Kurt Rothschild at the recent annual meeting of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. [Graphic Artists photo]

ADVICE TO ASPIRING AUTHORS

Governor-General's Award-winning novelist **M.T. Kelly** critiques manuscripts from aspiring writers as Writer-in-Residence at North York Public Library until October. For details regarding submissions, call 395-5512.

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

The Regional Small Business Program of Revenue Canada is a specialized service designed to respond to the needs and concerns of small business in the region, and is intended to supplement the general information services which are already provided.

Some of the programs which the Toronto Region Small Business Program will be offering are Advisory/Counselling, Structured Classes on GST, New Registrants Workshops, and Seminars to Associations and Groups. For further information, contact **Dick Lochan**, regional coordinator, at 954-4444.

A GREAT FAMILY OUTING

A visit to the University of Toronto is a great way to spend a summer morning or afternoon. Why not join an exciting tour of the St. George campus? The free tours are offered weekdays throughout June, July and August at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tours depart from the Map Room of Hart House, just west of Queen's Park. For more information, call 978-5000.

JF & CS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service is offering the following summer workshops (daytime and evening series available): Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work (self-esteem, realistic expectations, discipline, communication); Surviving Separation and Divorce (living alone, dealing with feelings and emotions, separating from the past and looking ahead); Widows/Widowers Group (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships, looking ahead); For Women Only (communication, self-esteem, relationships, time management, stress management, and more).

For information about dates, registration and fees, call **Pat Lieberman** at 638-7800, ext. 215.

BREAST SCREENING PROGRAM

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centres in Metro Toronto offer not only quality mammography but clinical breast examination and instruction in BSE to women over 50. Women may refer themselves and receive the results of their screening directly.

The centres are North York Women's Screening Centre, 100 Sheppard Ave., E., Suite 140, telephone 512-0601; Scarborough Women's Screening Centre, 10 Milner Business Court, Suite 103, telephone 298-2626, and Toronto Centre, 110 Bloor St. W., Suite 200, telephone 928-1379.

DENVER JCC STAFF REUNION

The Jewish Community Centre of Denver is having a staff reunion the weekend of Aug. 29-30. The committee is looking for names of anyone who has been a past staff person (or knows someone who was) and would like to attend this event. Call or write to **Carolyn Eisen**, administrative secretary, 4800 E. Alameda Ave., Denver, Colo., 80222, telephone (303) 399-2660, ext. 131.

at the JCC

The Jewish Community Centre North branch is arranging a 30,000 Islands cruise Tuesday, Aug. 18. See Maple Leaf grain elevators, grain boats, Snake Island, Pleasant Island, Giant's Tomb, Midland area, Castle Village Gift Shop and more. Charge is $25 members, $28 non-members. Bring your own lunch. Purchase tickets at front desk. For further information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 364.

Twentysomething Downtowners (ages 24-35) meets for monthly programs at the JCC Bloor Y branch. To find out about upcoming events or to get on the mailing list, call **Luni** at 924-6211.

For updated information on the Singles Connection lecture series and dances at the JCC North-East Valley branch, call **Nurit** at 889-0813.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club upcoming events include Saturday night dances June 27 and July 4 from 7-10 p.m.; dance with a live band Sunday, July 5; the movie *Cocoon* Wednesday, July 8, at 2 p.m.; beach picnic and party at Port Dalhousie Tuesday, July 7; Catskills trip at the Pines Hotel (under New York Kashruth Commission) July 19-24; day trips for members ($5). For more details on upcoming trips and activities, call 636-7846.

The Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Group, 55 years of age and over, meets every other Sunday to help each other deal with mourning and adjust to loss. The meetings provide a supportive environment where group members can share experiences and make new friends. The next meeting is July 5 from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Wagman Centre library, 55 Ameer Ave. Group co-ordinator is **Toby Warsh**. For more information, call **Paula David** at 789-5131, ext. 2271.

The LZA Seniors Club still has a few seats available for the trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills leaving July 26 and July 28. Registration is now taking place for the Showboat Tour of the Thousand islands Monday, Aug. 24, and for the annual trip to Startford to see *HMS Pinafore* Wednesday, Sept. 16. The Discussion Group continues through the summer Tuesday mornings at 10 and the Dance Group meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. All members are welcome. All activities take place at the Borochov Cultural Centre

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club closing party (members only) is set for Monday, June 29, at 1 p.m. Other upcoming events include a Catskill trip to the Homowack Hotel July 20-28 for $860 all inclusive; the Shaw Festival to see *Pygmalion* Oct. 28; two cruises, Fenelon Falls July 13 and Peterborough Locks Aug. 27. For information on these and other events, call **Lena** at 785-5773 or **Ruth** at 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** at 787-1526.

Sunshine Seniors 55 Plus invites you for fun-filled day-away tours — Thursday, July 9, Muskoka Lakes at Ashton Villa Resort, full-course sit-down luncheon, planned activities, stops of interest; Thursday, Aug. 20, quaint Port Stanley tour, boat cruise, historic train ride, buffet lunch at Kelly's Boardwalk Cafe; Wednesday, Aug. 26, scenic Orillia cruise, comedy version of a live play **On Golden Pond**, tour of **Stephen Leacock's** home. All tours include surprise extras. Call **Sylvia** at 730-0503 for information.

Sunrise, a social group, is arranging trips to the Catskills at the Pines Hotel, July 23-27 ($560 Canadian funds), and Aug. 31-Sept. 4 ($500) with deluxe bus, deluxe medical insurance plus visit to New York. Call 932-2534.

Taylor Place, 1 Overland Dr., Don Mills, invites the community to join in the celebration of Canada's 125th birthday Wednesday, July 1, from noon to 3:30 p.m. Program includes barbecue lunch (additional cost), entertainment, birthday cake, flag raising ceremony with **Alan Redway**, MP. Admission is $1.50 advance, $2 at the door. Phone 447-7244 for information.

The Wagman Centre is screening the film *Little Man Taite* Sunday, June 28, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** and singer **Lillian Keltz** will be performing Tuesday, June 30, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. A summer outing is arranged Thursday, July 16 to Art Park to see *Nunsense*. For information, call **Chyla Talesnick** at 789-5131, ext. 2274.

Young at Heart Seniors deluxe Catskill trip to the Pines Hotel (under New York state kosher law) July 19-28 is $890 including deluxe medical insurance. Partners available. For information, call **Helen** at 462-0258 from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Bring your family and friends and join in the fun at the Canada Day celebration at the Centre Sunday, June 28. There'll be greetings from local politicians, the Bernard Betel Centre Creative Choirs, guest speaker **Bill Gleberzon**, the executive director, live entertainment, games for all ages, a barbecue ($3), and a Canada Day birthday cake. It all takes place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and admission is free. Sign up at the information desk now! For more information, call **Naomi** or **Shari** at 225-2112.

Be sure to mark Wednesday, July 22, on your calendar. That's the date of the gala dinner and dance celebrating the Centre's 10th anniversary. Entertainment will be provided by **Shlomo Aviv, Michael Khinkis, Lorenzo Popesko** and **Sando Yaruka**. Tickets before July 3 are $20 members, $25 non-members. After July 3 tickets are $25 members, $30 non-members. Seats are reserved and space is limited so buy your tickets early.

The Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) reports that the creative writers will read at a picnic in the park at the Earl Bales Common Room Monday, June 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge. Bring or buy your lunch.

Everyone is welcome to join in an evening of music with the Mother and Child Band, presented by the Friendship Circle Thursday, June 25, at 7 p.m. The fee is $4 members, $5 non-members. Refreshments will be served. Purchase tickets at the information desk. Proceeds will go to the Centre.

A dance with the music of the Creative Band is set for Sunday, June 28, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Charge is $3.50 members, $4 non-members.

Enjoy a relaxing Sunday lunch in the cozy, music-filled atmosphere of the Betel Bistro Cafe. Cafeteria hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hot lunch is served 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Price is $4.50 members, $7.50 non-members.

About People

LEO BAECK DIRECTOR

Leo Baeck Day School has announced the appointment of **Zita Joy Gardner** as director, effective Aug. 1. She will replace **Rabbi Steven H. Gartin** who is taking on the position of director of the day school at the Stephen S. Wise Temple in Los Angeles, Calif.

Zita Joy Gardner

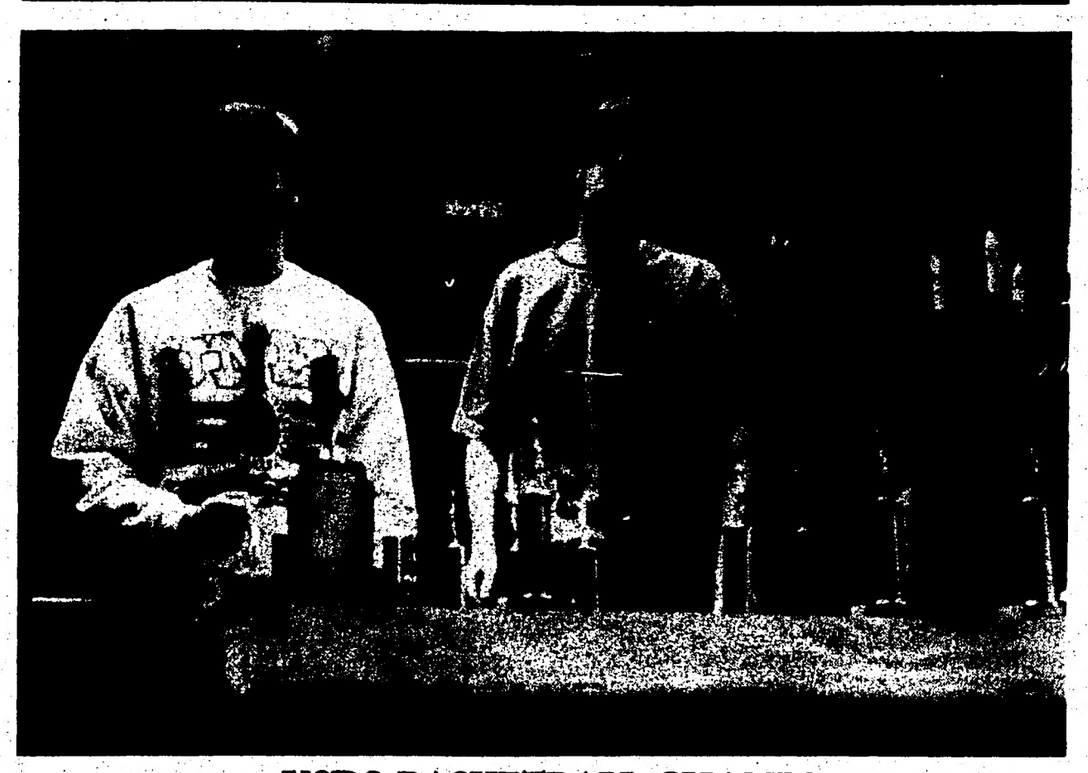
A widely experienced educator and administrator, Mrs. Gardner has been principal of the Bathurst campus of United Synagogue Day School for the past three years. She maintains a deep involvement with the Reform community having served Holy Blossom Temple as teacher, supervisor, and board member.

PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATED

Dr. Harry Krakowsky was re-elected president of Associated Hebrew Schools at AHS's recent annual meeting. A physician and active staff member of Mount Sinai Hospital, Dr. Krakowsky is presently an officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and during the last decade has served in leadership positions with the U.J.A., Jewish Information Service, Toronto Jewish Congress, Orah School for Soviet Children. He was the recipient of the Leadership Development Award, TJC, in 1981.

Dr. Krakowsky is married to **Golda Brown** and they have two childen, **Anna-Rachel** and **Yonah**.

Other elected officers are **Henry Koschitzky**, chairman of the board; **Mordechai Ben-Dat, Sheldon Goodman** and **George Weinberger**, vice-presidents; **Brian Lass**, treasurer; **Israel Mida**, secretary; **Dr. Eva Dessen**, chairman, Vaad Hachinuch, and **Fred Guth**, chairman, Budget and Finance Committee.



USDS BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Members of the United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus Senior Division Boys' Basketball team are the champions of the Day School Basketball League. The coaches Joseph Garten and David Wolle are presenting the trophy to USDS team captain Avi Mintz (left).

LUNCH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Sprucecourt Public School, Regent Park, participates in a school lunch program which is a co-operative effort of Mount Sinai Hospital and the school. Children from kindergarten to Grade 6 are given the opportunity to participate in this program to ensure that they are given a nutritious lunch which is prepared daily by the hospital on a pay-as-you-can basis. Shown with kindergarten participants are (from left) Joy Langlois, director, Nutrition and Food Services, Mount Sinai Hospital; Wolfgang Holzschuher, executive chef, Mount Sinai Hospital, and Dell Wolfson, vice-principal, Sprucecourt Public School. [Suzyn Hewitt photo]

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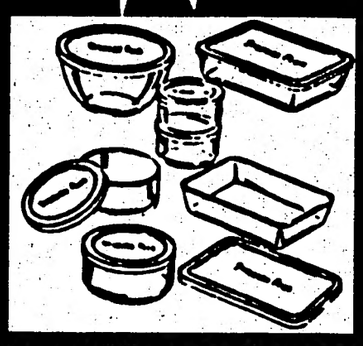

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Organizations and People

School celebrates 40 years

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —
Toronto's Orthodox community rallied around its own recently, when nearly 1,200 people jammed the banquet hall of Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation for the Yesodei Hatorah 40th anniversary dinner.

The dinner was also a tribute to the memory of Samuel and Renee Reichmann, among the earliest founders and benefactors of the institution.

Master of ceremonies Yossi Maierovits noted that Yesodei Hatorah now has 500 students, "whose quality of Torah education is a source of great pride."

Student Shmaya Reichmann, flanked by his father Ralph, concluded his study of the Gemara section *Horios*, thus elevating the dinner to a siyum, a celebration of the conclusion of a Talmud portion.

Mr. and Mrs. Menachem Wagner received the Mesores Avos award.

In presenting them with an inscribed plaque, Rabbi Aaron Hoch discussed whether parents should turn the obligation of educating their children over to the school they select, or whether they should keep the responsibility for their children's education for themselves.

The Wagners, he said, have maintained and fulfilled their obligation to see to their children's education in the fullest sense.

Accepting the plaque, Wagner said that he was doing so "as a representative of my wife, and all the parents, each one equally worthy for making so many sacrifices."

He praised the "noble" Reichmann family, "who provided financial help, but also moral support for over a third of a century" to Yesodei Hatorah.

A nearly professional-quality film by Rabbis Shlomo Moddel and Shmuel Klein told the story of the school, originally called Shlomei Emunei Yisroel, from its beginnings in 1952 in a house on Huron Street to its present quarters on Glen Rush Boulevard in North York.

On behalf of the school, Rabbi Moshe Kanner presented a plaque in memory of Samuel and Renee Reichmann to their children, who remain staunch supporters of Yesodei Hatorah.

Rabbi Menachem Adler received the Avodas Hakodesh award, for his contributions both as a teacher and a rabbi. The award was presented by dinner co-chairman Feivi Heller.

Rabbi Adler spoke of the tremendous achievement it has been for survivors of the Holocaust to have built up such an institution.

A choir of students, led by Rabbi Shmuel Klein, was one of the high points of the evening.

Guest speaker was Rabbi Noach Oelbaum, a noted lecturer and scholar, and a former student of Yesodei Hatorah.

Learning Torah, he said, should not be looked upon as an added burden. Rather, Torah is the essence of life. "You can't be a mensch without Torah," he asserted.

He paid tribute to the Reichmann family, "philanthropists unparalleled in modern Jewish history."

Menaker keeps Fox's dream alive

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child to make their " wish come true."

In addition to this she has spent time working at the Mount Sinai Hospital with patients and their families, at the Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre with teenagers who had sustained head injuries, at the Northwood Community Centre in a weekend program for mentally retarded children and young adults and at the Canadian National Institute for the Blind assisting a blind child integrate at a summer day camp.

Not everyone has been totally supportive of her activities, wondering how she can spend so much time in "depressing" environments. "Though some people can't understand why I do this, it really feels good doing volunteer work, helping others. It's very worthwhile. And people should never feel ashamed that they enjoy it," she emphasizes.

This graduate of United Synagogue Day School and Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto has been involved in campus life as well. She was stage manager of the Faculty of Medicine's annual revue of song, dance and comedy, *Daffydil*, for three years, and co-produced it last year. But she won't be out on stage in the near future. "I'm very shy; I like to work behind the scenes," she says.

Menaker credits her drive for community involvement to the inspiration of people like Terry Fox and Rick Hansen, whom she met during his Man in Motion tour in 1986. Hansen travelled in his wheelchair through much of the world to generate interest in and money for spinal cord research. To her, these men symbolize "what people can accomplish if they push themselves to achieve their goal."

The daughter of Sharon Haberman and David Menaker, she expresses her gratification at receiving the award. "Just to get something in Terry's name after all of these years of admiring him, is really great. It was half my life ago [that Terry Fox ran across Canada]. I feel that I've come full circle."

Lisa Menaker

TTC opens waiting areas to ensure passengers' safety

TORONTO —
The Toronto Transit Commission's Designated Waiting Areas (DWAs), a personal safety program for transit customers, will be in operation at 65 subway and Scarborough RT stations by the end of the summer. DWAs are already open at name stations and more are opening weekly.

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Dinner honorees John Candy (left) and Bruce McNall (right) are joined by JCC president Alan Zender (second from left) and hockey talent Eric Lindros.

All-stars come out for JCC sports dinner

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Back in the days before glasnost, Kremlin watchers used to assess important changes in the personnel of the Communist Party and Soviet government by how they lined up at the Red Square reviewing stand during public events.

Well, NHL watchers were given a little more grist for the rumor mill recently at the Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) annual sports celebrity dinner.

There, in the middle of the head table, in the place reserved for the guests of honor, were power forwards Bruce McNall and John Candy, centred not by the third honoree, the Great One Wayne Gretzky, but the Next One, Eric Lindros.

Was it just coincidence that in a head table that spanned two tiers and boasted about 40 dignitaries Lindros should find himself next to two of the Argo owners, one of whom, McNall, also happens to own the NHL's Los Angeles Kings?

The significance of the seating arrangement was certainly not lost on co-emcees Ken Daniels of CBC television and Mark Hebscher of Global, who made some not so subtle inquiries about it. Playing off the questioning, Candy, McNall and Lindros launched into some serious kibitzing as watches, wallets and credit cards suddenly found themselves in Lindros' lap.

The fun and games was just part of an evening of hijinks, hilarity and hot speculation as 1,100 JCC supporters turned out to honor the three owners of the Toronto Argonauts and to make the sports celebrity dinner the biggest success in the events' history.

The dinner and auction that preceded it should raise more than $150,000, said Harold Cipin, director of operations for the JCC.

The dinner is "vital" to the JCC, said dinner chairman Abe Glowinsky and centre president Alan Zender. At a time of rising demands and faced with dwindling resources from benefactors, government and charitable organizations, the funds raised at the dinner allow the JCC to continue providing "multidimensional services," Zender said.

While the mention of the importance of the JCC to the Jewish community injected a serious note into the evening's proceedings, as did an award presentation to special needs volunteer Lonnie Clemens, much of the evening was spent in simply enjoying the first class entertainment dished up at the head table.

Keynote speaker Jack Donohue, former coach of Canada's national basketball team and a sports commentator, had the audience in stitches with his humorous anecdotes.

The evening's events closed with profuse thanks from honorees McNall and Candy, as well as a videotaped message from Gretzky, who was unable to attend the dinner.

Businesspeople show support for Canadian Maccabi athletes

TORONTO —

A small group of businesspeople gathered recently at the downtown offices of a major Canadian corporation to nosh on open-faced sandwiches, exchange pleasantries and hear a low-key pitch for their continued support to help young Jewish athletes get closer to their roots.

The lunchtime meeting at the offices of Noranda Inc. was the opening event in a year-long campaign to help raise funds to send Canadian Jewish athletes to Israel for the quadrennial Maccabiah Games next summer.

Hosted by entrepreneur Edward Bronfman, the meeting included remarks from former Montreal Canadien superstar Jean Beliveau, who served as honorary chef de mission of the Canadian team at the 1985 Maccabiah Games.

Looking back on his hockey career, Beliveau said that despite winning many Stanley Cups, he missed the opportunity of representing Canada in international competition.

Maccabi Canada president Sid Greenberg told the approximately 20 supporters present that the Maccabi organization brings Jewish youngsters together through sports and strengthens their Jewish identities.

The 1989 games saw a crack in the Iron Curtain as the Soviet republic of Lithuania made its debut at the competition, he said. Today there are 40 Maccabi clubs in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and 250 athletes, representing various former Soviet republics, are expected at the 1993 games. Fifty-seven athletes, representing Lithuania, participated at the '89 games.

The Maccabi clubs in the CIS attract young Jews who are provided with a social atmosphere in which they learn about their Jewish past, he said.

Greenberg told *The CJN* that the goal for the Canadian fundraising campaign is $1.2 million, which will allow 250 athletes (including 25 juniors), coaches, medical staff and Maccabi officials to attend the games.

The '93 Maccabiah promises to be the biggest yet, with a large contingent from the CIS, the official return of a team from South Africa, as well as the participation of teams from Turkey, Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia, Greenberg said.

Altogether, 6,000 athletes from 50 countries will be represented at the '93 games, up from 4,500 athletes from 40 countries at the '89 event, Greenberg said.

The games, which run from July 5-15, will open at Ramat Gan Stadium and the closing ceremonies in Jerusalem will include a mass walk through the Old City, Greenberg added. — P.L.

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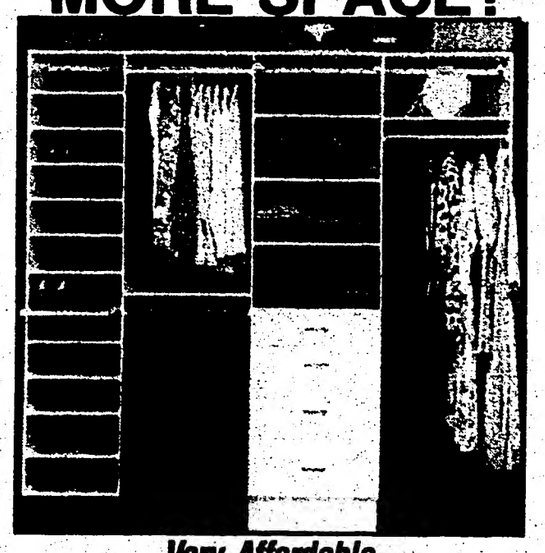

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From left, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation founders Hervey and Renee Solursh, Nathan and Toby Starr, Alex Grossman, Joe Kerzner and Warren Simon. [Alron photo].

Shaare Zedek marks 90 years

TORONTO —

It was wall-to-wall glitz last week at the new Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre hotel for the biennial Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation fundraising dinner.

The black-tie affair marked the 90th anniversary of the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

Proceeds from the evening will establish the Canadian Founders Fund for the purchase of medical equipment for the hospital's new open heart surgery unit.

The Canadian founders were the dinner's honorees: Joseph Kerzner; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Grossman; Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Starr; Dr. and Mrs. Barry Sherman; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Solursh and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Rothschild.

Over 400 people attended the bash, emceed by CFTO television personality Robin Ward.

In attendance were MPP Elinor Caplan, singers Salome Bey and Riki Turofsky and actor Harvey Atken.

Max Sharp, father of Four Seasons hotel chain founder Issy Sharp, said the Hamotzi. Max Sharp recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

A-Choired Taste and Michael Danso and his Orchestra provided entertainment and a musical tribute to the hospital.

A grand door prize of a trip for two to Europe, courtesy of Air Canada, and a trip for two to Israel from Columbus Travel and the Hyatt Regency Jerusalem were awarded.

Knowledge of Judaism viewed as essential

By RANDI DRUZIN

TORONTO —

Though Jews are highly-educated, they are woefully ignorant about their own heritage, and this situation must change for Judaism to thrive, says Rabbi Joseph Telushkin, author of *Jewish Literacy — The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History.*

"Study has been made holy in Jewish life," Telushkin said in a recent lecture at Leah Posluns Theatre that was sponsored by the Institute for Jewish Learning. "Today, most Jews are highly-educated, and many have excelled in medicine, law, science and the arts. In fact," he joked, "if a Nobel prize isn't awarded to at least one Jew every year, it's regarded as an exercise in anti-Semitism."

For the most part however, Jews are ignorant about Judaism, Telushkin said. He cited a survey which found that more Jews in the United States know about the Holy Trinity than the Ten Lost Tribes. "The Ten Lost Tribes are not trivia," Telushkin said. "They're a fundamental part of Jewish history."

Though Telushkin noted that Canadian Jews are generally more "Jewishly literate" than their American brethren, he lamented that most Jews worldwide "have Jewish hearts, but not Jewish heads."

"By and large, Jews recongize that the essence of the Ten Commandments is to be ethical," Telushkin said. "But wanting to be ethical isn't enough. It's important to study the Commandments and other elements of Judaism. The more knowledge you have of Judaism, the more it can influence your life."

Telushkin added that Jewish education has become increasingly important as Jews have become increasingly assimilated. "What Jews need to know to stay Jewish today is more than what they needed to know to stay Jewish a century ago," he said. "Being Jewish a century ago was a matter of faith, today it's a matter of choice."

Telushkin said Jewish educational institutions, such as The Institute for Jewish Learning, play a critical role in the continuance of Judaism. "Once Jewish literacy gets into your veins, it stays with you," he said. "The effects of Jewish literacy last for generations."

Cemetery vandal gets sentenced

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A 54-year-old former teacher was sentenced last week to three months probation and 160 hours of community service for desecrating a Hamilton Jewish cemetery by photographing a teenage skinhead urinating on gravesites and brandishing a Nazi dagger.

Jewish organizations expressed disappointment with the sentence, with B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights calling on Attorney General Howard Hampton to appeal the "lenient" term.

Crown attorney Brent Bentham said he would recommend an appeal.

"It is crucial to send a strong message to the perpetrators of hate crimes that their actions are unacceptable and will be punished," said Marvin Kurz, Ontario regional chairman of the League. "This sentence doesn't send a clear enough warning to neo-Nazi skinheads and other racists."

"The precedent [in sentencing] was clearly set out by the Ontario Court of Appeal in these types of crimes," said David Satok, chairman of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. "We are disappointed that that route hasn't been followed here."

In a case involving skinhead vandalism at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, the Ontario Court of Appeal boosted a sentence given perpetrator Zvonimir Lelas from six months to one year in jail.

The Hamilton case arose out of an incident in October 1990 at the Anshe Sholom Temple Cemetery and involved former teacher and educational consultant Paul Moyer as well as a young offender. Moyer was convicted in May of offering indignities to human remains.

The teenager testified at trial that Moyer wanted to make birthday and Christmas cards from the photographs.

Pictures taken by Moyer of the young offender show the youth urinating on or near tombstones, sitting on a tombstone brandishing a Nazi dagger and wearing a T-shirt reading, "F--off and die," the *Hamilton Spectator* reported.

"We weren't going there to make happy pictures," the youth is quoted as saying. "The point was to get across as much disrespect to Jews as possible."

The teenager received 18 months probation at an earlier trial after pleading guilty.

The Crown had asked the court to impose a nine-month jail term on Moyer. But Judge John Cavarzan of the Ontario Court of Justice said Moyer is unlikely to commit a similar act and that putting him in jail might destroy efforts to rehabilitate him.

Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz of Anshe Sholom said he was "flabbergasted" at the judge's response. Moyer was "being let off with a slap on the wrist," the rabbi said. "If rehabilitation is [the judge's] goal, I don't see how community service will do it."

Rabbi Zeplowitz said "Moyer needs to be forced to confront the effects of such hatred in the past." He said a letter he was drafting to the judge and to *The Spectator* would urge that Moyer be taken to the Holocaust Museum in Toronto to view the consequence of hatred against Jews and he offered to meet with him to explain the consequences in history of such anti-Jewish feelings.

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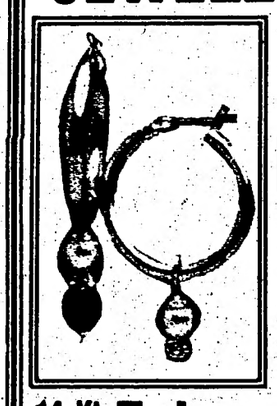

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First Sephardi judge appointed in Ontario

By FRANCES KRAFT

Judge Sheila Ray

TORONTO —

Judge Sheila Ray, who was sworn in as an Ontario criminal court judge last month, gives new meaning to the word multicultural, putting a human face — her own — on what some people might call a buzzword.

Born in Nigeria 35 years ago to a Jewish mother and a Hindu father who met in their native India, Ray immigrated to Canada with her parents and sister during Canada's centennial year, 1967.

To the best of her knowledge, she is the first Sephardi judge in Ontario. Moving with apparent ease between the Jewish and Hindu communities, Ray invited both a Sephardi rabbi and a Hindu pundit to say a prayer at her swearing in.

"I feel as if I've got a double dose of support," says Ray. As a judge, "you need your friends, your community, and spiritual guidance more than ever, especially when values are a very important part of what you have to think about."

"Jewish values mean something to me," says Ray, who has embraced Judaism as her own religion. "I consider myself first and foremost a Canadian," she told *The CJN*. "I consider myself Indian by heritage. Being Indian for me is mainly cultural."

Her mother, a nurse, was born Rachel Bechor in Calcutta, and grew up in an observant family. Rachel's grandfather, Rabbi Shlomo Bechor, was the chief rabbi of Baghdad.

Ray's father, KrishnaDas Ray, a retired surgeon, was the son of a criminal court judge in what is now Bangladesh. The scion of a Brahmin family, he was prohibited by tradition from marrying outside his own caste.

Ray, who is not married herself, says that her parents' marriage is "a surprisingly compatible mix." She credits the emphasis that both religions place on family. She adds that her grandparents have come to accept the marriage.

Ray remained unaware of her dual religious heritage until she was in Canada, her parents having decided not to tell her about her background while they lived in Nigeria because they felt it would be safer for her that way.

Until her recent appointment she was actively involved in multicultural issues as a member of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Visible Minorities, the Canadian Alliance for Visible Miniorities, the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa. She worked for the federal Deparment of Justice for 10 years following her call to the bar in Halifax. A graduate of Dalhousie University, she is fluent in both English and French.

It's important to reach out to other communities, she says. "I think we should build bridges with people from other cultures. We all want the same things — understanding and acceptance. If other people can find out more about us and realize we are people just like they are, that will lead to greater racial harmony in our society."

NCJW honors businesspeople

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Three Toronto businesspeople were recently awarded National Council of Jewish Women of Canada's 1992 National Leadership Award in recognition of their large contribution to Israel's economy.

At the awards luncheon held at the Inn on the Park on Jerusalem Day, Gloria Strom, president, NCJW, Canada said that Monty Brown, Saul Feldberg and Sara Pachter "best exemplify the ties behind Canada and Israel. Each of these people have fulfilled the highest degree of charity by creating jobs in Israel. There is no greater charity than creating gainful employment."

Brown and Feldberg, partners in Teknion Furniture Systems since 1983, have not only channelled millions of dollars into the country by establishing Technion Israel, the largest system company in the country, but employ new immigrants to Israel. Technion Israel supplies the Israeli market as well as exporting millions of dollars to Europe.

Sara Pachter of Fisher-Fremont Travel Ltd. is well known for advancing tourism to Israel and has just completed escorting her 108th Israeli tour. The Israeli government honored her in October, 1991 when she completed her 100th tour.

Charles Zaionz, chairman, national executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, comended NCJW for giving out these awards on Jerusalem Day. "It is important to understand the distinct pleasure it is for me to be here to see Council recognize the contributions of these important people. I hope they continue to do good work on behalf of all Canadians and may the honorees be a shining example for others to follow.

Benjamin Noy, consul, Israel Economic Mission, also congratulated NCJW for initiating the idea of recognizing people who are examples of how to do business with Israel. "We are gathered here to acknowledge the contributions of these individuals who have forged ties with Israel. They saw an opportunity to do business and while doing well for themselves, they have strengthened Israel's economy."

Noy said that Pachter introduced Israel to thousands of Canadians and is a prime example that tourism can be very lucrative. "Feldberg and Brown are also a fine example of how to take advantage of a business opportunity in Israel.

"Feldberg , a Holocaust survivor, has never forgotten his commitment to Israel and its people. All three people have proven that doing business in Israel can be profitable.

Sheila Freeman, a 1989 recipient of the National Leadership Award said that the three recipients performed the highest form of tzedakah by giving people the means to help themselves.

Bikur Cholim group a Malmed legacy

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Sam Malmed is gone but his legacy lives on in the Sam Malmed Bikur Cholim Society.

Malmed died on May 12 at age 95. He will be fondly remembered by many in Winnipeg's Jewish community and elsewhere. For almost 60 years, he pursued his self-appointed vocation as a one-man bikur cholim, regularly visiting Jewish patients in Winnipeg hospitals (and Saskatoon hospitals, too, for a few years in the late 1940s) bringing a few words, a Jewish newspaper, a snack.

He became so much an institution, the hospital front desks would have lists of Jewish patients waiting for him whenever he arrived.

Malmed began his visitations during the Depression when he became sick visiting chairman for his shul. During one visit, he overheard a Jewish man from one of the farm colonies in Saskatchewan bemoaning the lack of food at Passover. He spoke with the man and returned later with some matzah and other foods. He saw a need to help and continued visiting after his term as chairman ended.

Malmed was honored several times in recent years by the hospitals and Jewish community organizations for his volunteer efforts. Just last June the Winnipeg chapter of the Shaarey Zedek Hospital of Jerusalem held a luncheon in his honor at the B'Nay Abraham Synagogue to celebrate his 95th birthday.

Time and age however were beginning to take their toll of him and he used to worry that no one would take up his torch when he could no longer carry on. That concern was laid to rest in the fall of 1989 with the formation of The Sam Malmed Bikur Cholim Society with Malmed as honorary president.

The society was formed as a subcommittee of the Chaplaincy Committee under the auspices of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. Volunteers stepped forward to pick up Malmed every morning, first at the Chevra Mishnayes Synagogue where he davened and later at the Sharon Home where he lived, and drove him to a hospital each day where the volunteer went on rounds with Malmed. Malmed was still visiting regularly until just before Pesach when he became too ill to continue.

In Malmed's absence volunteer drivers have continued visiting Jewish patients at their assigned hospitals. A meeting was held on May 19 of the volunteers to discuss the Sam Malmed Bikur Cholim Society's future. They agreed to continue the visits.

Currently Bikur Cholim volunteers Ernie and Muni Bronstein, Dave Diamond, Sheppy Eisenstein, Jack Shrom, Meyer Silver, Mitch Wagner and Phil Zell visit the Misericordia, Seven Oaks and St. Boniface Hospitals and the Health Science Centre. Diamond reports several new people have recently expressed interest in volunteering, including Rose Mindell, Sam Malmed's daughter.

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Organizations and People

Alpert new president of JNF Toronto

TORONTO —

Patricia Alpert was chosen as the new president of the Jewish National Fund's Toronto region at the annual general meeting of the organization held at the Inn-on-the-Park. She succeeds Frances Mandell who had completed her third one-year term and who now becomes the chairman of the board of directors of JNF Toronto.

The meeting heard several reports on activities and events during the past year from Mandell, outgoing treasurer Bud Eisenberg, from executive director Ben Prossin and shaliach Col. Israel Ben-Haim. National executive vice-president Morris Zilka gave an overview of the current situation across the country and spoke of current matters in Israel.

Special annual awards were presented. Claude and Esther Abrams received the Bernard Bloomfield Medal, the highest award presented by the JNF to a volunteer, in honor of their work on behalf of JNF. The Eric and Esther Exton Award, presented to an educator, was received by Dr. Uri Korin, principal of Toronto's Bialik Hebrew Day School. Frances Mandell was awarded the President's Medal for her three years of service heading the JNF in Toronto. Harry Gorman, the 1991 Negev Dinner honoree and Jeannie Tanenbaum, arrangements vice-president for the annual dinner, each received special recognition for their contributions to the success of the past year. Outgoing president, Mandell was extended the deep appreciation of JNF for her years of service and received flowers from the staff of the Toronto office.

Among the officers selected to serve with Patricia Alpert are the following: Alan Posluns, honorary chairman of the board; Leonard Exton, treasurer; Alvin Dickstein, assistant treasurer; Dr. Russell Rendeley, secretary; Barry Ganz, assistant secretary; Robert Benia, Bud Eisenberg, Sandy Posluns, Dr. Mark Sager, Tom Ungar and Robert Ziner, vice-presidents; Marvin Geist, honorary counsel. Albert Mandell joined the group of honorary vice-presidents, who continue to serve, along with past presidents, as officers of JNF Toronto.

A group of almost 100 individuals were chosen to serve as members of the board of directors for the next year.

There was a brief business session which included the passage of several amendments to the by-laws of the organization. It was announced that the 1992 Negev Dinner would be held on Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

The Jewish National Fund, now completing the celebration of its 90th Anniversary, raises funds for projects in Israel dealing with the land and the environment — afforestation, water research and the building of dams and reservoirs, the construction of roads to connect rural settlements and, its current priority, the development of land infrastructure upon which will be built new housing for immigrants and young Israelis.

JNF Toronto president Patricia Alpert addressing annual meeting, applauded by outgoing president Frances Mandell.

Plaut to join Kolel program

TORONTO —

Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior scholar of Holy Blossom Temple, will be joining the faculty of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning at its national sumnmer study Kallah.

Rabbi Plaut, one of Canada's most respected Jewish scholars, is also known for his community activism, having been the national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, the vice-chairman of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and the president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, among many other achievements.

He will be delivering the Friday D'Var Torah on the theme The Religious Challenge of Liberal Judaism following an outdoor lakeside Kabbalat Shabbat service and traditional Sabbath eve dinner.

Well-known Toronto humorist and author Allan Gould will also be joining the Kallah as the featured evening program speaker on Saturday evening, July 18. He will be presenting a talk entitled Laughing to Keep from Crying: The Jewish Joke and Jewish Humor.

Only a few spaces are left for the Kallah, which is co-sponsored by the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism and takes place July 15-19. Particpants and faculty are coming from throughout Canada and the United States to Hidden Valley Resort Hotel, 2½ hours north of Toronto in Huntsville, for a four-day experience of text study, Judaic arts workshops, experiential and discussion groups, dance, music, worship and fellowship.

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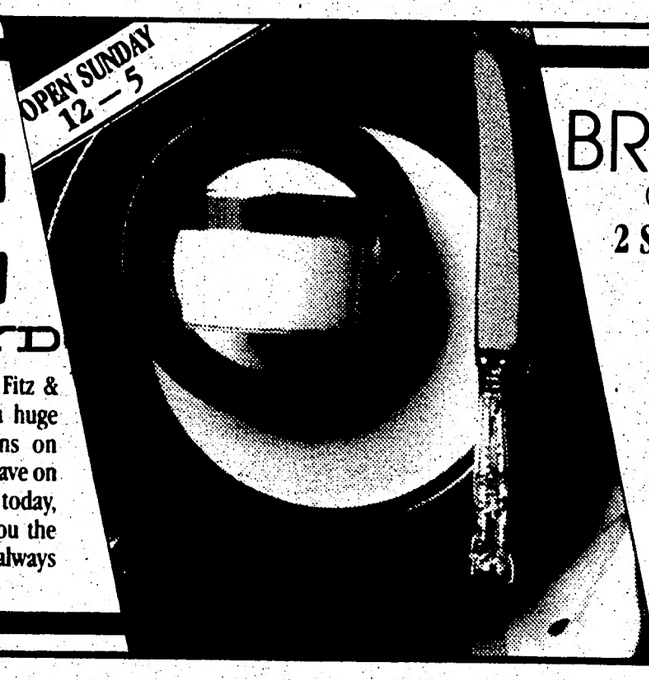

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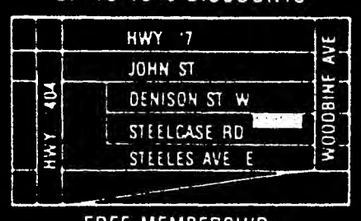

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She'arim gets rededicated as Dr. Shore Academy

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

She'arim Hebrew Day School, the only day school in Canada for Jewish children with learning disabilities, has been rededicated as The Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School, thanks to an endowment from Dr. Shore's family.

The dedication was made formally at the school's second annual brunch, held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Shore, a pediatric rheumatologist and research scientist, was the son of Philip and Rose Shore, and the husband of Ilsa Shore. He died recently in his early 40s.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman, co-founder of She'arim along with Rabbi Irwin Witty, presented a plaque acknowledging the rededication to Shore's parents.

Shore, he said, knew that a doctor's job goes beyond simple medical healing.

"I know this is not an easy moment for you," Rabbi Kelman told Shore's emotional parents. "You should know that your generous contribution will enable the school to add meaning and quality to its students, just as he gave to his patients."

The rededication of the school, he concluded, "is a kovod for the school."

Honorees at the brunch were Dr. Allen and Annie Heber, Danny and Joy Zigelman, and Gordon and Sarah Donsky.

The Hebers received their award on behalf of the school from brunch co-chairman Yakov Berkowitz, the Zigelmans from Rochelle Rosenblum and the Donskys from Rabbi Irwin Witty. Daughters Dahlia Heber and Toba Zigelman gave divrei Torah as thanks on behalf of their parents.

Donsky, who received his award partly in token of his work with Steeles College Memorial Chapel, presented a cheque from the chapel to the school.

A surprise (at least on his part) was the presentation of a plaque to Rabbi Witty to mark his stepping down as president of the board of directors of the school.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman presents plaque commemorating rededication of She'arim Hebrew Day School as The Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School to (from right) Dr. Shore's parents Philip and Rose and (far left) widow Ilsa Shore. [Alron photo]

Guest speaker Rabbi Mark Dratch, new rabbi of Shaarei Shomayim, noted wryly that he had quickly discovered that in Toronto being asked what school he planned to send his 4-year-old daughter to "was not just a polite question."

He stressed that he, as he feels all parents should, will choose a school that will best meet her needs, not necessarily one that will be "politically correct."

It is wrong, he said, to impose one's own preconceptions about education on someone else, including children.

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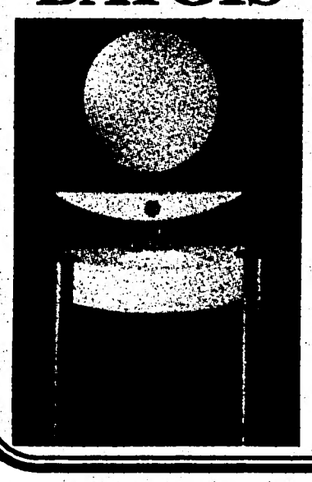

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Organizations and People

Hockey camp a possibility

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

How does a coach say "the slot," "faceoff circle" or "icing" in Hebrew?

Is there a Hebraic translation for "Coach's Corner" let alone for "youse guuyys."

Canadians who love the great game of hockey no matter where it's played could have their curiosity peaked this fall about how the great Canadian game translates in Israel — that is, if the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) co-operates.

Hockey organizers in Israel are considering the possibility of holding a training camp in Toronto for the Jewish state's national team — but it all depends on the timing of an autumn evaluation tournament that will place new applicants in the IIHF's three divisions.

With the breakup of the Soviet Union, the IIHF has been flooded with requests for the inclusion of teams from the former Soviet republics as well as from Slovenia, Croatia and Iceland, said Paul Shindman, chairman of the Israel Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association (IIHFSA).

Shindman, who was visiting his native Toronto recently, said a tournament to determine which teams go to the top of the IIHF's C pool and which to the bottom half, will be held this fall, though the date has not yet been set.

If the tournament is held in November, organizers will be able to put together a two-week hockey camp in Toronto during which the Israelis will receive intensive on-ice instruction. If the evaluation tournament is in September, all bets are off and the Israelis will likely have to leave Canada off their agenda, Shindman said.

On top of those considerations, the plans are contingent on the IIHFSA raising about $30,000 to bring the 18 skaters to Canada, said Gideon Lee, the Toronto-based coach of the Israelis. (An additional $30,000 will be required to send the team to the evaluation tournament, Shindman noted.)

Ice time (complete with instructors) has been donated by a Jewish-owned hockey camp and arrangements to billet the team have proved no problem, Lee said. Exhibition games against teams of local Jewish all-stars in Toronto and Montreal are being considered as well. At this point, "all we need are the airline tickets," Lee said.

Russians boost roster

The Israeli squad will benefit greatly from the camp, if one is held, Shindman said, as well as from the addition to the roster of six players from the former Soviet Union — two goalies and four forwards. The Israeli team which in March finished fourth in the bottom half of the C Division would have been stronger if it could have brought all its best players, he said. IIHF rules require a three-year residency requirement before new immigrants are eligible.

One of the new prospects is 16-year-old Sasha Stoller, who plays for Haifa in the IIHFSA's five-team house league. He played the equivalent of midget hockey in Russia, Shindman said.

Another likely addition to the team is a 17-year-old goaltender originally from Moscow and the team is expecting 15-year-old sabra Ran Oz, 5 ft. 11, 190 lbs., to continue improving his game.

Hockey and skating is continually attracting the attention of young Israelis and with the addition of cable TV to Bat Yam, Holon, Haifa, parts of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, they are getting exposed to the NHL game on *Eurosport*, a satelite sports channel, Shindman said. Additional taped NHL games are shown once or twice a week on cable as well, with the cable companies dubbing a Hebrew play-by-play of the games. Shindman did two games, including a Chicago/Minnesota matchup from last year's playoffs.

In other developments, "tiny" new rinks recently opened for public skating in Netanya and Jerusalem, bringing to six the number of skating facilities in Israel. That's "an indication of the success of ice sports and pleasure skating," Shindman said.

Shindman said that the country may see the inauguration in September of a new four-city junior league for 12- to 16-year-old players. Israel could have a team competing in international junior competition by 1994, he added.

All-stars from the IHL have played Canadian peace-keepers in exhibition games six times, winning two, tieing one and losing three, and there are hopes for an informal league which would see Israelis play Canadian and Finnish peacekeepers on an intermittent basis, Shindman said.

Those wishing to contribute to the team financially or donate equipment can contact Gideon Lee at (416) 512-6660.

Knob Hill Farms' boss gets synagogue honor

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

Steve Stavro, president of Knob Hill Farms Limited and chairman of the board of directors of Maple Leaf Gardens, is the latest recipient of Beth Sholom Brotherhood's 41st annual Humanitarian Award.

At a recent dinner attended by more than 500 people, Stavro, founder of the Steve Stavro Charitable Foundation, was recognized by the Brotherhood for his tireless efforts over the years as a benefactor of many worthy causes.

Beth Sholom Brotherhood, which fosters better understanding among people of all races, colors and creeds, actively participates in and supports such organizations as the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, United Jewish Appeal, the Canadian Cancer Society and Israel Soldiers Fund.

Each year, it selects an individual who best exemplifies the Brotherhood's goals. Previous recipients include Johnny Lombardi, Jeanne Sauve, Mila Mulroney, Douglas Bassett, Paul Godfrey and Maureen Forrester.

Marshall Folk, president of Beth Sholom Synagogue, praised Stavro for "the boundless energy, and keen interest in Canadian sports and arts that make him a great humanitarian. I salute the brotherhood on selecting him as an honoree."

Mendel Green, who co-chaired the dinner with Frank Cadesky, said that the "accumulation of material wealth is not the mark of a great man. The accumulation of a great name is what makes a great man. Steve Stavro and his family are an example to all Canadians. Their way is the Canadian way and each and every Canadian must have unity on their lips each and every day."

Stavro told the crowd that he is proud to accept the award on behalf of the Stavro family. "I believe that this is what our forefathers were looking for — peace. We are proud Canadians and proud to celebrate the 125th anniversary of one Canada."

Stavro received other greetings from such people as Metro chairman Alan Tonks; Fergy Brown, mayor, city of York; Reverend Richard Jones, founder of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and a previous recipient of the Humanitarian Award; and Rabbi David Monson, who presented Stavro with a Jerusalem clock from an Israeli hospital that has benefited from the Steve Stavro Charitable Foundation.

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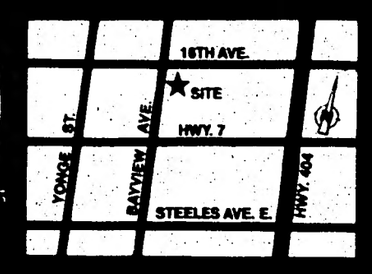

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MP Attewell honored for human rights record

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

"In an era when politics and politicians are often viewed with suspicion, it is a great comfort to have an individual as straightforward and genuine as Bill Attewell around," said keynote speaker Barbara McDougall, secretary of state for external affairs, at a tribute dinner in Attewell's honor held recently at the Sheraton Centre.

Attewell, who is MP for Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville, was honored for his achievement in the area of human rights. He was appointed chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry in 1986, and in 1991 he founded the Canadian Parliamentary Friendship Group for Syrian Jewry, to which he was also named chairman. He chairs the Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Association, the Canada-Armenian Parliamentary Friendship Group, and the Canada-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Group.

Over 600 people, from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, gathered to honor Attewell at the dinner, which was chaired by Morris Perlis, president of American Express Canada, and Judy Feld Carr, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress' national task force on Syrian Jewry.

"We were all overjoyed this Passover with the release from prison of the Swed brothers, but we are not yet ready to say dayenu because of this event," said McDougall. "We remain deeply concerned about violations of human rights and the rights of religious minorities, particularly the Syrian Jewish community."

McDougall spoke of Canada's three major foreign policy themes for the years ahead: collective security, sustainable prosperity, and the strengthening of democracy and respect for human values.

Collective security includes peacekeeping, which "Canada virtually invented," said McDougall. McDougall recently returned from Cyprus, where she says she "made it eminently clear that even Canadian patience has its limits," referring to the 28-year ongoing dispute in that region.

In Yugoslavia, she said, Canada has been a major force in the efforts to restore stability to the nation, by supplying both soldiers and $2.5 million in humanitarian aid. A current priority is securing the safety of the Sarajevo airport, says McDougall, so that food, medicine and supplies can be flown in to the general population.

Sustainable prosperity includes continuing the work that was begun at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, said McDougall.

Trade with other nations is crucial to sustainable prosperity, McDougall said, because it builds a widened understanding between countries and individuals.

At a recent dinner in honor of Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville MP Bill Attewell (left) is Barbara McDougall, secretary of state for external affairs; Judy Feld Carr; and Morris Perlis.

When it comes to the third theme — the strengthening of democracy and respect for human values — "the words 'Canada' and 'human rights' are virtually synonymous," said McDougall.

McDougall reminded the audience that "democracy is not always neat and orderly. People get heated when they hold strong views. Hearing people's views and resolving people's differences takes time and understanding," two qualities, she said, which exemplify Bill Attewell and his work best.

Attewell has shown, said dinner co-chairman Perlis, that "a backbencher really can make an impact far beyond his or her riding, an impact that helps people around the world."

"My involvement in human rights issues have been the most rewarding aspect of my years as a member of Parliament," said Attewell. "Although some battles have been won, there are still many to deal with. I can promise you I will continue to speak out wherever human rights violations occur. We cannot do less for these men, women and children who are being persecuted and who are being denied basic human rights."

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Organizations and People

Reena Foundation dinner chairman Ira Sack (right) with honorees Bert and Marilyn Raphael.

Reena honors Raphaels

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Reena is the Hebrew word for joy, which was in no small supply at a positively effusive tribute dinner last week for longtime Reena Foundation volunteers Bert and Marilyn Raphael.

Some 650 guests packed the Regal Constellation Hotel's grand ballroom for the 18th annual dinner, and heard speaker after speaker lavish praise on the foundation's "senior" couple.

As one of Toronto's senior litigators, Bert Raphael's lawyer colleagues turned out en masse.

The posh affair was a Raphael love-in. Bert and Marilyn, who exchanged loving glances throughout the evening, have been prime movers in the Reena Foundation ever since their developmentally handicapped daughter, Sheree, became one of its pioneer clients, the dinner heard.

Dinner chairman Ira Sack, Reena board chairman Harold Wodinsky and Rabbi Joseph Kelman joined North York Mayor Mel Lastman in paying tribute to the Raphaels.

The evening marked the establishment of the Bert and Marilyn Raphael Advocacy Fund, which will assist the foundation to help the developmentally challenged fight inequities in the community, such as in housing and employment.

Some of the most moving words came from Sheree Raphael, who became a Reena client in the mid-1970s, after having lived in the Huronia Hospital School for the mentally retarded (that was the term then) in Orillia for 12 years. Her parents were allowed to visit but could not take her home for an overnight stay.

The Raphaels were approached by the foundation's first and only executive director, Sandy Keshen, who thought Sheree to be an ideal candidate for group home living.

In a 20-minute video tribute to the Raphaels, Marilyn recalled that officials at the Huronia hospital warned that if Sheree was taken out, she could never come back.

But the gamble paid off, for neither Sheree nor her parents have looked back.

And the foundation has thrived. Today, it boasts 30 group homes and 52 apartment units for independent living, almost all in North York, with a resident population of 200 and 200 more on the waiting list. There are 96 profoundly handicapped adults in Reena's day vocation program who work in on-site workshops and receive real-life skills training. A further 50 non-residents look to Reena for counselling and support. Camp Reena in the Caledon Hills provides summer fun and respite for 150 developmentally handicapped children and adults.

All not too shabby for an organization founded on a simple principle, namely, that there must be something better for the developmentally disabled than an institution, and there ought to be a way for them to live in a Jewish milieu.

Enter Rabbi Kelman, who helped parents of disabled kids launch the Reena Foundation in 1974.

That was about the time the Raphaels became involved.

By the mid-1980s, Bert was a two-term board member. Today, he's the foundation's honorary legal counsel, ex-officio advisor and among the organization's chief fundraisers.

Marilyn went all the way: she's a former two-term chairman, a board member and has also served as fundraising chairman.

Bert also tallies a long list of involvement in other organizations. He sees his work for the developmentally disabled as an extension of his legal career, which centres mainly on the rights of accident victims.

Other disadvantaged Jews on whose bahalf Raphael has worked have been those in Syria and the former Soviet Union.

Winnipeg fencing champ also tops in mathematics

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

It has been quite a year for 17-year-old Adam Oberman. Earlier this year, he won the Manitoba open sabre fencing championship. More recently he won $150 for finishing first in a field of 416 high school students in the annual Manitoba math contest.

Mathematics has long been Oberman's forte. "My dad (teacher, writer and filmmaker Sheldon Oberman) was doing math with me even before I started school," says Oberman. "I was doing math in daycare."

Currently working independently, he is doing second and third year university level math and has been accepted into the University of Toronto for the fall where he will be studying mathematics naturally.

Oberman calls his interest in fencing a fluke. The Winnipeg Fencing Centre was only a block from his home. "I started going and became interested," he says. He quickly became adept at fencing and within a couple of months was soon fencing with, and beating, adults.

His fencing has taken him after only a year at it to Prince Edward Island where he was part of the Manitoba team that won a bronze medal at the Canadian Winter Games. This month, he is competing in Montreal in the national championship and is trying to make the national team.

Oberman was honored to be one of seven nominees for the Max Nusgart Memorial Award for Manitoba Jewish Athlete of the Year presented annually at the Sports Dinner. He lost out to Canadian powerlifting champion David Gurvey. The winner was announced at the dinner on June 1.

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Arts

New AGO gallery is dedicated to Tanenbaums

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Among the 30 new galleries that will be opened at the newly renovated and refurbished Art Gallery of Ontario is the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Sculpture Atrium.

The 160-foot long two-storey sun-filled atrium, which will be used for displaying sculpture, as well as for public events, is a visual and actual link between the old AGO and the new.

The 4,465-square-foot Joey and Toby Tanenbaum atrium is juxtaposed between an ivy-covered wall of The Grange, to which it provided new access, and the 1918 Frank Darling addition, which now actually forms a wall of the Tanenbaum Sculpture Atrium itself. The rest of the structure is comprised of environmentally-correct green glass panels with tubular steel framing.

Founded in 1900, the AGO is in the last phase of a major expansion/renovation program that began in 1989. The overall exhibit space will increase by 60 percent to 100,840 square feet. Along with the addition of the new galleries, 20 existing galleries have been refurbished.

The object of the renovation and refurbishment is to restore the galleries to their 1920s splendor and careful research has been done to ensure authenticity. The restoration of the ceiling mouldings is being carried out by a craftsman.

The AGO's collection of Inuit works is considered to be one of the best in the world. For the first time, the new AGO will provide a permanent exhibition space for Inuit art in the Samuel and Esther Sarick Inuit Gallery. AGO Inuit holdings are primarily from the contemporary period of Inuit art, 1948 to the present.

Changing sculpture exhibits

One half of the Sarick Gallery will be permanently installed with examples of the collection's most important pieces of Inuit sculpture, reflecting its depth and quality. The remainder of the gallery will be used for changing exhibitions of sculpture, print, drawings and wall hangings from the AGO's permanent collection of Inuit art.

Another important area in the expansion/renovation project is the Marvin Gelber Print and Drawing Centre, Study Centre and galleries, located on the first floor of the Floyd and Jean Chalmers Wing. The centre's large, double-tiered clerestory windows bring natural light into this beautifully proportioned, demi-vaulted space, which looks out over Grange Park.

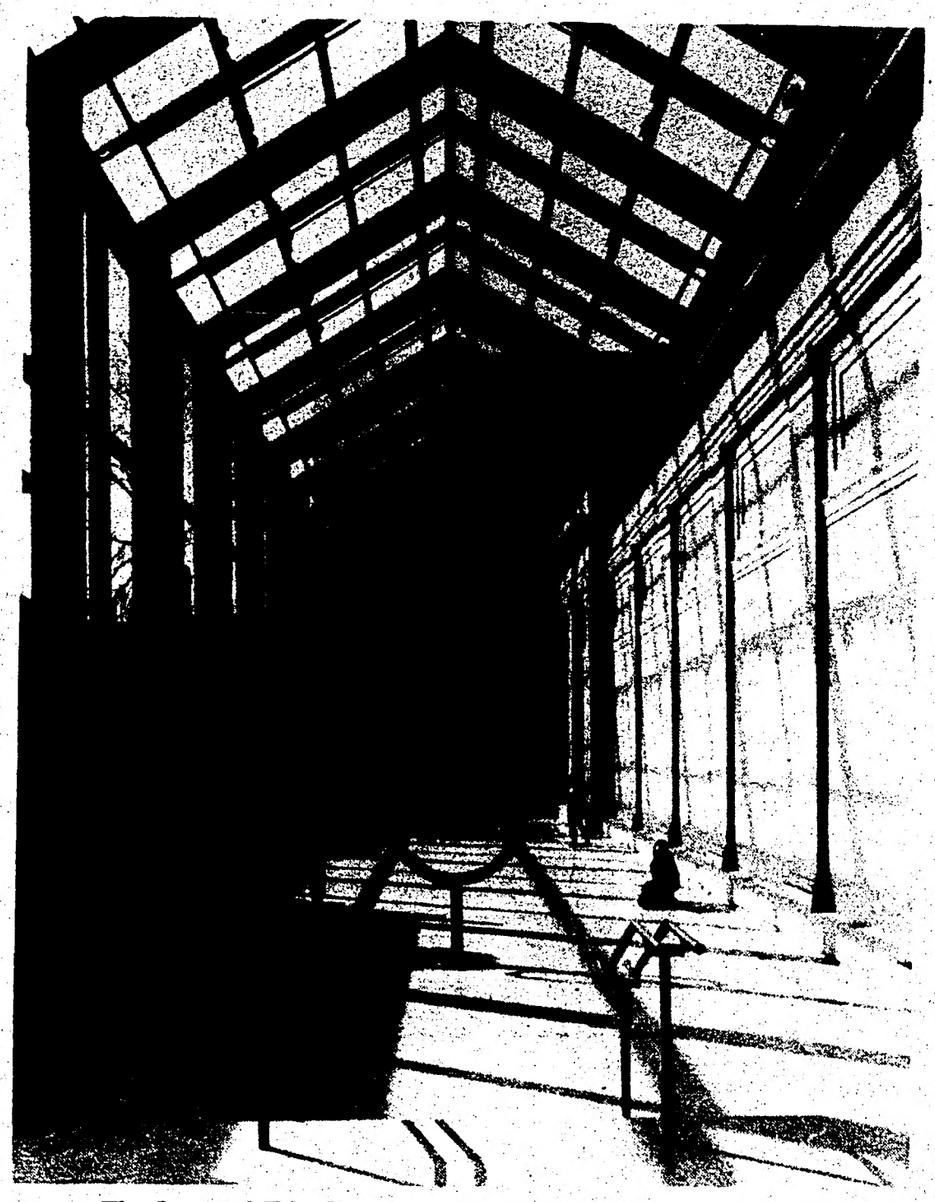
For the first time, individuals will have direct access to some 11,000 works on paper, the largest in Canada. The Marvin Gelber Centre also contains a rare print display case.

Twentieth-century art will be displayed in a new suite on the first floor which includes the Wilder Gallery, the Max and Anne Tanenbaum Gallery and the Vivian and David Campbell Gallery.

A new configuration for Canadian historical art will allow the public to more fully explore the key period of Canadian historical art from the mid-19th century through the 1950s.

There will also be a new restaurant which looks out over the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Sculpture Garden.

The project, designed by Barton Myers, Architect, Inc., in joint venture with Kuwabara, Payne, McKenna, Blumberg, Architects, sensitively blends the old AGO, a part of which dates back to 1817, with the new.



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Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

The Schocken Guide to Jewish Books edited by Barry W, Holtz (Schocken Books $31.50)

The Book of Ecclesiastes warns that of the making of books there is no end. But because books in their profusion add zest and pleasure to our lives, they have been praised in every age. Ibn Tibbon advised his compatriots in 12th century Spain: "Let your bookcases and your shelves be your gardens and your pleasure grounds. Pluck the fruit that grows therein; gather the roses, the spices and the myrrh." An unknown sage wrote that a house without books is like a body without a soul. Thomas Jefferson complained, "I can't live without books." And, Thomas Carlyle confided, "My books are friends that never fail me."

But what to read? *The Schocken Guide to Jewish Books* is a comprehensive overview of noteworthy books in the fields of Jewish history, literature, culture and religion. Fifteen experts and scholars point out and recommend the key books to be read or studied.

This is no mere book of lists. It is rather a volume of essays on topics that range from the Bible, Talmud and Jewish philosophy, through mysticism, Hebrew and Yiddish literature, to Israel and Zionism, the Jewish novelist in America and Jewish women's studies.

The chapter on mysticism, written by Elliot Ginsburg, professor of Judaic studies at the University of Michigan, is typical of the others. Forty pages long, it is an illuminating survey of a complex and difficult subject that evaluates the outstanding and definitive titles that deal with all aspects of the subject.

Books on the Holocaust seem unending. It is safe to say that no other limited era in history — 12 years — has had as many volumes devoted to it. The proliferation of material on the subject is so extensive that the uninitiated reader can be quickly overwhelmed. Deborah Lipstadt discusses several dozen significant books and deftly guides the reader through a maze of material that cries out for readership.

On the question of a just and merciful God and the horror of the Holocaust, she mentions two extreme positions, represented by the writings of Emil Fackenheim and Richard Rubenstein. In *After Auschwitz,* Rubenstein offers one of the most radical theological approaches to the Holocaust. He wonders whether it is any longer possible to maintain faith in God. Fackenheim's *God's Presence in History,* in response to Rubenstein, argues that the Holocaust mandates a 614th commandment, "Thou shall not hand Hitler a posthumous victory, that is, by ceasing to be Jews."

Mark Shechter, professor of English at SUNY, Buffalo, in his analysis of the Jewish novelist in America, presents concise and informative portraits of many writers, with special reference to Saul Bellow, Bernard Malamud, Philip Roth and Cynthia Ozick. A post-war potpourri omits few worthy Jewish novels published in recent years.

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Eye on Arts

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Dorothy Lichtblau's new play *Gesundheit* will premier on June 28 at the Bathurst Street Theatre as part of the Fringe of Toronto Fesitval.

Gesundheit is a humorous one-act play about the common and sometimes intense struggle that occurs between a mother and daughter who are attemping to deal with conflicting and sometimes competing needs, values, and goals within the obligations and confines of the family.

The play runs through July 4.

To obtain tickets call 927-0245.

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The committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will sponsor a free outdoor Yiddish concert on June 29 at 7 p.m.

The performance will take place at the Earl Bales Park in North York.

Featured performers will include Yiddish vocalist Adrienne Cooper and Mort Freeman, both of New York City. Backing up the singers will be the Stan Hiltz Orchestra and the Zemer Chorale of the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Conductor is Charles Heller. Richard Basset will be master of ceremonies.

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The Israeli Scout Friendship Caravan will be performing at the Earl Bales Park Community Centre on June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

The Friendship Caravan, consisting of 10 Israeli teenagers, tells about the beauty of Israel through song and dance. The one-hour show tells the story of absorption and immigration into Israel and the commitment that has gone into building the Jewish state.

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The Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band will be joining in Canada Day celebrations at Queen's Park on July 1 at 1 p.m. The band will also join North York's Sunday Serenades series on August 23 at Mel Lastman Square at 7:30 p.m.

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The city of North York will be celebrating Canada's 125th birthday with an all-Canadian evening of folk music, comedy and fireworks in Mel Lastman Square on July 1. The event will feature Murray McLauchlan, Sylvia Tyson and Dave Broadfoot.

The action begins at 6 p.m.

For further information call 224-6065.

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Celebrations will also be held at Nathan Phillips Square throughout Canada Week, from June 29-July 4. Weekdays, lunch-time performances from noon to 2 p.m. will highlight Canadian talent from across the country. The afternoon's entertainment will be repeated each evening from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. giving families an opportunity to come and enjoy the show together.

New this year on Canada Day will be a children's component from 10 a.m. until noon. A Children's Imagination Market and Parade will highlight the activities.

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The contributions of the Yiddish language to Canadian culture will be humorously explored in *Chutzpah A Go-Go*, a Jewish musical review by David Gale and Randy Vancourt. Director is Jordan Merkur.

The play opens July 16 at 7:30 p.m. at The Theatre Centre, 1032 Queen St. W., as part of the Under the Umbrella Festival's series A.

The show runs until Aug. 1.

Through songs and shtick, the four performers, with a live klezmer band, will kibbitz and shmooze with the audience about everything from shmaltzy shmedricks and shleppy shlemiels, to gefilte fish.

Gale is a native of Winnipeg, who started in the theatre at a young age working with the Jewish Community Players. He spent his summers writing plays and songs in Hebrew at Camp Massad by Winnipeg Beach.

Gale is a graduate from the city's Hebrew High School. He attended the University of Minnesota where he studied theatre and was a teacher's assistant in Hebrew.

Since moving to Toronto, he has worked extensively in the entertainment business on stage and behind the scenes.

Chutzpah A Go-Go is part of the Under the Umbrella theatre festival of 10 original Canadian works by Toronto playwrights.

For reservations call 538-0988.

Polish Jewish theatre troupe a smash

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

It was one of those rare moments in theatre — a superb actor, Szymon Szurmiej, interpreting Sholom Aleichem's famed character Menachem Mendel as if he was born to the role.

What a privilege for a Toronto audience to catch a glimpse of the greatness of classic Jewish theatre when the Polish Jewish Theatre from Warsaw gave five performances recently of the Joys of Yiddish at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

As an actor, Szurmiej towers above any Jewish performer seen here in years. With his bowler hat bobbing up and down as rapidly as his Adam's apple, he gave life to the mendacious Mendel's get-rich-quick scheme at the expense of his cousin, played by the talented Juliusz Berger.

It was the first visit to Canada of this troupe, arranged by local Polish producer Andrew Kolaczynski and artistic director Chaim Avron, a company which traces its roots back to the beginnings of Yiddish theatre in Europe.

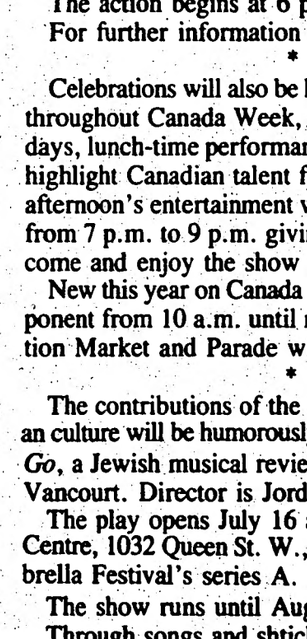
The performances by Szurmiej and Berger were enough to overshadow the disappointment of seeing only five of the company's 40 members. At times, the stage at the Leah Posluns seemed bare as, even in ensemble, the five, including singers Golda Tencer, Aline Swidowska and Henryk Rajfer, could not simulate a full production.

It was as much a celebration of the survival of Yiddish culture as it was an evening of theatre as the audience responded emotionally to the defiance in Szurmiej's voice when he announced a Yiddish festival in Warsaw in April 1993 on the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Or when a woman in the audience cried out for the removal of the hated Nazi swastika in a stage prop, so painful did she find its memory. When the famous underground partisan song *Never Say This is Your Last Journey* was sung, many stood up to honor those fighters.

The troupe sang my *Yiddish Mame, Eli, Eli, Watnitchkes, Chiribim, Chiribom* and other old favorites, but it was Szurmiej and Berger in their comedy and dramtic interplay who gave us a delicious taste of a living Yiddish theatre.

Chaim Avron



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TRAVEL TALK

By LEN BUTCHER

Seeing as I've hardly any space to write this week, I'm going to have to get serious right out of the starting gate, so here goes with some news from my favorite director of tourism (maybe because he's the only one I know) **Yehuda Shen** from the **Israel Government Tourist Office.**

Not only does he tell me that records are being set for tourists visiting **Israel,** but that there's an exhibition planned of jewels and precious stones from **Russia** that is a "must-see."

Apparently, these fabled gems from the **Russian** czars will leave the **Kremlin** vaults for the first time and go on display at the **Harry Oppenheimer Diamond Museum** in **Ramat Gan** for an eight-week period beginning in December.

I don't want to drive the women crazy, but included in the exhibit is a rough diamond of 162 carats and some of the legendary **Faberge** eggs.

The fact that the **Russians** chose **Israel** as the first foreign country in which to exhibit the treasures dramatizes the new relationship between the two countries.

I have to admit that when an excited **Yehuda Shen** called me about this, I was a little wary, only because watching grass grow excites **Yehuda.** He's always excited, but I guess that's why he does such a good job. Anyway, after I heard the details, I knew that this was something for you, so don't delay.

Look, you we're planning on going to **Israel** anyway, so make it for December. We'll all go together. Why not? There's enough jewels to go around. Think about it and call **Delightful Debbie** or **Exciting Ellen** at the **IGTO.** The number is 416-964-3784.

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The new convention hall at the **Ramada Renaissance Hotel** in **Jerusalem** is completed. It seats 1,100 banquet-style and 2,000 theatre-style. With 650 rooms, it is **Israel's** largest convention hotel.

A JOINT VENTURE

An El Al jet left Toronto last month with one of the largest-ever contingents on an Independence Day mission. Shalom K Tours of Willowdale organized the two-week tour in which three different congregations of 120 persons participated. Led by Rabbi P. Scheim of Beth David and Rabbi J. Kelman of Beth Emeth, the Toronto delegation met up with a group from Calgary's Bnai Tikvah Synagogue, headed by Rabbi J. Goldson. A fourth congregation from Vancouver brought the number of passengers to 160. Front row, from left, is Shalom Even, of Shalom K Tours and Yehuda Shen, director for Canada, Israel Government Tourist Office. Standing from left: Anat Franenberg, Shalom K Tours, Rabbi Scheim, Rabbi Goldson and Rabbi Kelman.

Muskoka Sands Resort is a perfect getaway

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

GRAVENHURST —

Picture the scene as it was 106 years ago.

The R.M.S. Segwun, North America's oldest steamship, chugs out from the dock on a tour of some of the areas most peaceful waterways. The shores are lively with the movement of deer and the air rings with the cry of water fowl. Perhaps a bear is seen fishing off shore.

Periodically, as the ship rounds a bend, travellers spot the huge cottages of society's most prestigious families nestled amongst the tall trees.

"To everyone around here, that is the sound that means summer is really here," says Lisa Whitely, general manager of the Muskoka Sands Resort, as the present captain blasts the horn. It echoes like a train whistle into the distance.

What lakes does the Segwum travel and where does it dock?

The cruises run from June to October on the Muskoka Lakes in Gravenhurst, Ontario.

While staying at the Muskoka Sands, Whitely invited us to travel on the ship for the first official voyage of the season.

The night view of the resort from the deck was incredible. It was almost as beautiful as the sunset had been over the Muskoka Bay the evening before when we dined in the resort dining room, the Winewood.

The words exclusive and luxurious came to mind the moment I drove through the gate of the resort which rests on a hill.

Sitting comfortably in the Lobby Bar with Whitely, I found that not only does the town of Gravenhurst have an interesting past, but so too does the resort.

The site was initially known as the Muskoka Beach Inn when it was established in 1926. Whitely says it was operated on a grand scale until 1959 when it was destroyed by fire.

Today, the resort is owned by Great Golf Homes and Whitely joined the operation six years ago.

What kind of a crowd does the the resort draw?

Whitely explains that recent renovations have opened up the establishment to guests all-year round.

The recreational facilities combined with the peaceful surroundings means the resort is a perfect romantic get-away for couples and it provides an entertaining holiday for families.

Whitely points out that the hotel's close proximity to Toronto, roughly 1½ hours ride, means a short drive for those who want to escape for the weekend.

While at the resort, there are a great many activities in which to participate. After relaxing by the pool, you might be interested in viewing the sights by mountain bike. On the other hand, the tennis courts (three of which are bubbled for winter playing) or a game of squash might hold some appeal.

If it's pampering and relaxation you're after, there is much available. If the sauna and whirlpool don't manage to unknot all those tense muscles, you could always book an appointment with the massage therapist.

If the weather is not co-operating or you want more control over the intensity of the tan, there is nothing to stop you from booking a tanning bed before dinner.

For your dining pleasure, chef Hubert Obermeier has several mouthwatering masterpieces waiting in the Winewood, a no-jeans dining room.

If you are looking for something more casual, the Lobby Bar offers an all-day menu with snacks and various cocktails. Mind you, after a hard day by the pool, you just might want to order room service and enjoy your meal on the balcony.

After a scrumptious dinner, I decided to start the next day with a workout in the fitness room.

Whitely also described a full schedule that caters to both couples and families. Some of these activities include comedy nights, dancing to a DJ, watching videos, bonfires and horse-drawn sleigh rides and skating in the winter, to name a few.

Whitely says the children's program which runs until Labor Day mixes education with fun. The environmental program and the one-hour tennis lesson can be combined with the array of water sports in the summer and varied activities such as skiing in the winter.

Within the Gravenhurst community, there are many attractions. Some of these include a visit to Santa's Village, the Muskoka Festival Theatre, a famous chocolate factory and the Bethune House, a 19th century home maintained as the birthplace of Dr. Norman Bethune, the Canadian medical hero of the Chinese revolution.

Whitely says that catering to conferences is one of the resort's specialties. The staff are also happy to make a wedding just that much more special with their attentive and friendly service.

Whitely says that one of the more beautiful weddings involved a ceremony on the Segwum with a reception at the Muskoka Sands. The resort can accommodate parties of up to 120 people.

Asked what makes her resort different, Whitely says the size of the resort makes it ideal for a warm, personalized vacation.

"We get a tremendous amount of repeat business," she says, adding that they have received comments on how enthusiastic and friendly the staff are.

After all, it's nice to vacation at a resort where the staff know you by name and the waiters remember what you drink.

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For food and fun times

How about a giant fortune cookie instead of a birthday cake? Or how would you like to pay only $1 for parking the next time you go to a Jay's game?

Both these things are possible if you visit Ginsberg + Wong Food and Beverage Emporium, located in the Grange at 70 St. Patrick Street (979-3458).

Alex Chu says that when his customers park across the street and dine at the restaurant before making the 15 minute walk to the Skydome, Ginsberg + Wong will validate the parking sticker so clients don't have to pay the full parking fee.

General manager of the restaurant that has been operating for the past 15 years, Chu says that company's basic philosophy is to supply customers with fast, top-notch service and great food in a fun atmosphere.

The decor is testimony to this philosophy. How can anyone sit in a restaurant that hangs giant milkshakes, drinks and huge sandwiches from the ceiling and not feel his mood lighten? The giant birthday fortune cookie is a great alternative to the traditional cake.

"We serve quality and quantity," says Chu, adding that he eats at the restaurant six days of the week.

Chu says that the establishment caters to all. The phenomenal combination of Jewish and Chinese food means that there is something on the menu to suit all tastes.

The oversized portions are great fun for kids who have never seen cabbage or egg rolls of such gigantic dimensions and those customers with large appetites are sure to leave satisfied, Chu says.

For the diet conscious or those who simply want to eat lighter, Chu says the new menu introduces dishes that will please waist-watchers.

Chu says that 90 percent of the food preparation is done on site and this means that the staff only needs a few days' notice if reservations are made for a large party.

The restaurant seats 250 people and Chu adds that any section can be reserved for larger groups. During the good weather, Ginsberg + Wong opens their 60-seat patio that is situated in a pool. Chu says this is popular because it is not open to cars and other street traffic.

The friendly, efficient staff of 60 wants the customers to feel comfortable in their restaurant.

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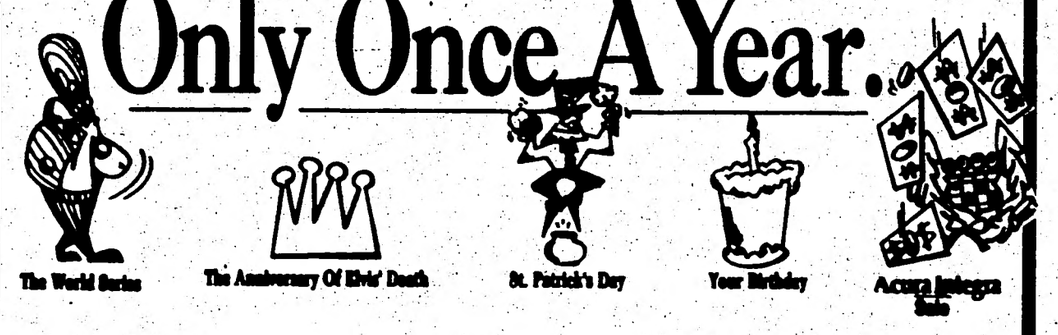

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Laureleaf Bakery stresses freshness

The workday at Laureleaf Bakery begins at 4 a.m. every morning, boasts owner Roman Gutman.

Both he and his partner Peter Share believe that this is one thing they have over other bakeries that begin their next day's production at 11 p.m. the night before.

Fresh is the name of the game and Gutman says that when his customers enter the door at 7 a.m., the bread is still so fresh and hot, it's hard to slice.

Gutman and Share have been partners in the bakery that is located at 1515 Steeles Ave. E. for the past seven years. They took over the operation in 1980.

Gutman describes their establishment as a European-style bakery. Essentially, this means that the customers know the salespeople and the atmosphere that pervades the shop is friendly.

He explains that the kosher-style products include all-natural breads, sweets, danishes and cookies. He emphasizes that bagels are the bakery's specialty.

"Our bagels are different from other types. They are a soft bagel."

Gutman stresses the fact that customers can place orders for birthday or bar/bat mitzvah cakes. In fact, he adds, they can create something unique for any special occasion.

As Laureleaf Bakery serves an area that is predominantly Jewish, the bakers are especially busy on Friday and before holy days.

During the past few years, the owners have seen a change in consumer buying trends.

Gutman points out that while people used to throw out day-old or bread that was not so fresh, today, given the tough times, many people are making do. They are not as willing to spend a few extra pennies on fresh bread daily.

In conjunction with the bake shop, Laureleaf Bakery also has a snack bar that features a number of different sandwiches, salads and beverages.

Gutman says that the bakery is not involved in the wholesale end of the business.

The bakery has two main bakers. Gutman says that Edward Koalicki has been with the bakery for 10 years. Gutman called Vinh Thach, their pastry baker who has been there for several years, a genius.

While Gutman and Share have no previous training in the industry, they too help out in the bakery.

Gutman points out that you can't work in the environment without picking up a few of the skills. While his bakers haven't taught the owners how to bake, they have shared their recipes and given Gutman and Share several pointers.

Centre deals with pain

Have a pain, take a pill is not always the way to solve the problem, says Liz Mullan, adding that pills are only a quick fix.

Mullan is the director of F.I.T. For Work Centres. She explains that F.I.T. stands for functional interdisciplinary therapy.

Essentially, the purpose of the centre is to rehabilitate people who have hurt themselves so they are able to function properly.

One factor that makes the multilingual program special is the fact that each client is not only coached back to health physically, but the staff addresses psychosocial and functional aspect of the injury as well.

Mullan, who recently served as director of rehabilitation services at the Baycrest Centre, along with medical advisor Kevin Rittenberg and enthusiastic, professional staff members use state-of-the-art equipment, such as the Lido WorkSET, to gradually assist clients back to work.

The F.I.T. For Work Centre is based in downtown Toronto at 277 Victoria St. Their number is 971-6877. Facilities include a bright, spacious, high-ceilinged gym that houses the rehabilitation technology equipment, individual and group counselling rooms, a hands-on work fitness lab, plus an indoor walking track. There are also shower rooms with lockers and a fully-equipped kitchen and lunch room for clients.

Mullan explains that there are several different assessments. A functional assessment determines limitations and feasibility; the work capacity evaluation describes work tolerances; and the job match analysis identifies and describes specific physical work abilities to compare clients' capabilities with their specific critical physical work demands.

The work tolerance screening accurately predicts a client's feasibility of employment, level of employment and work performance level over a period of time.

Mullan points out that the centre benefits not only the individual but professionals such as family doctors, lawyers and the insurance industry as well.

"The family physician is key to the whole process," she says, adding that many use the centre to maximize the rehabilitation potential of patients. F.I.T.'s clinical testing assists the physician in his initial diagnosis and on-going monitoring of the patient.

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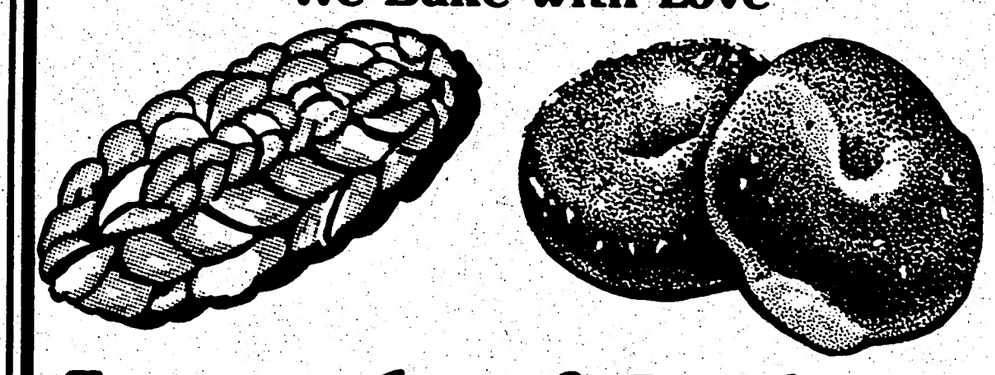

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Grant points out that when most people opt to clean their own fixtures, they use an acidic mixture of vinegar and water. This solution tends to rust and eat away at the pins in the chandelier.

She adds that when a repair call comes in, it is usually to replace those pins.

This family operation was founded in 1986. Carmen McCarthy, Kelly's father, formed the company, which was originally an affiliate of Professional Installation Services.

Kelly and John Grant took over Professional Chandelier Services last year.

Grant explains that essentially the service concentrates on the cleaning and restoration of fixtures. The cleaning end involves taking the crystals off, washing them and replacing them. Restoration work can vary from replacing pins to rewiring the fixture.

Although the company caters primarily to the residential sector in Metro Toronto and the surrounding areas, Grant notes that the number of commercial projects are increasing.

Currently, Professional Chandelier Services are working at the Parkwood Museum on the McLaughlin Estates in Oshawa to restore fixtures that they estimate are over 100 years old.

Grant adds that they have also done work on the estates of Sunnybrook, Vaughan House and the McLean House. As well, the company caters to large meeting places and banquet halls.

Grant explains that when the company receives a call, be it residential or commercial, an appointment is set for a free estimate. Customer service is the name of the game and all appointments are set at the customer's convenience.

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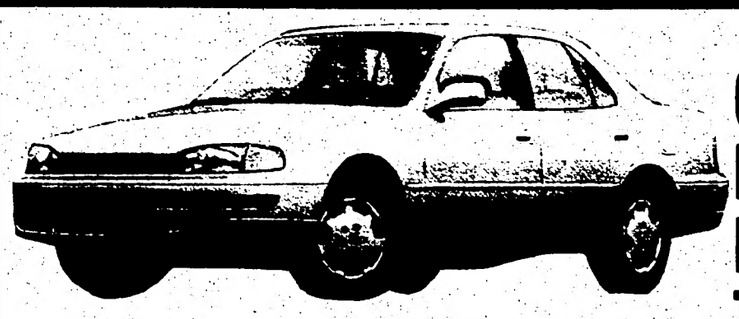

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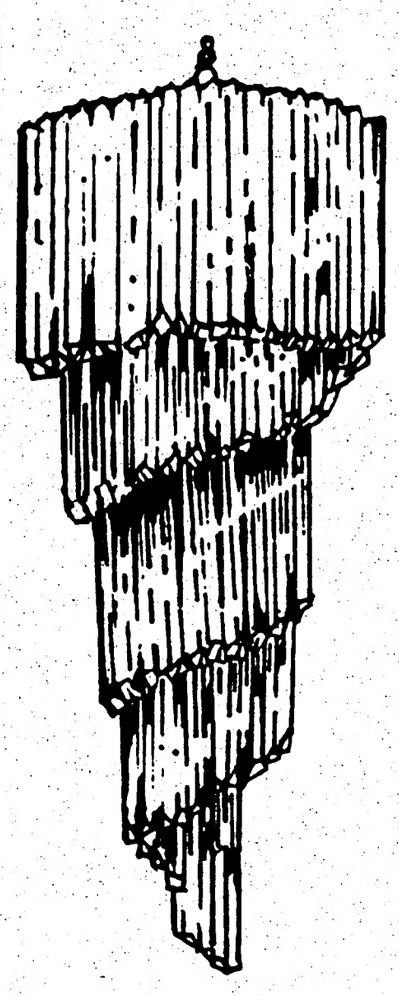

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"Whether your talk to a customer on the phone, write them a letter or see them in person, you must treat them the way you'd like to be treated if you were buying a car.

"We make customer satisfaction our top priority. Car manufacturers these days measure a dealer's success by a customer satisfaction index."

Hardie says that Roy Foss Motors holds one of the highest positions on the customer index with GM, a position that is climbing every day.

He points out that they do not view a sale as a one-time deal but as the beginning of a lifetime relationship of automotive needs.

Success isn't doing any one thing 100 percent. Rather, success is doing 100 things one percent better, Hardie says.

"The delivery of a sold vehicle is just the beginning of the next sale. We've got to maintain a good relationship with the customer even after he drives his new car off the lot. If we do, he will come back because isn't it better to do business with people you know?" he asks, adding that a happy client is likely to send friends and business associates to Roy Foss so they too can benefit from the top service and quality product.

Hardie stresses the fact that every possible convenience is extended to customers with cars that need servicing. Roy Foss Motors has a shuttle that travels non-stop to the subway daily. Customers who drop their cars off in the morning will be shuttled to the subway in time for work and picked up again later in the day.

Located at Steeles and Yonge, within the Toronto Auto Mall, the dealership is extremely handy if you want to look at a comprehensive range of auto makes and models, since it essentially gives you the opportunity for one-stop shopping.

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Advertising Feature

LifeStyle

Dealership watches sale figures grow

The staff at the New Parkwood are pleased to announce that within the last few months, the sales traffic at the dealership has increased.

"We have customers who are looking for convertibles so they can enjoy the good weather and we are also outfitting those who are after a new family vehicle for summer vacations," says sales representative Trevor Ben-Zion.

The New Parkwood is known for its award-winning vehicles and top-quality customer service.

Recently, the Seville STS was awarded the Car of the Year as well as the Design of the Year awards. Ben-Zion adds that the Cavalier is the New Parkwood's number one selling quality-value vehicle in Canada.

In addition to the industry recognition, a customer survey recently rated the top Oldsmobile the Oldsmobile Ciera, also available at the New Parkwood.

These awards wouldn't mean as much without the high report the dealership receives in the area of customer service.

Ben-Zion, who works with sales representatives Morris Seigel and Ruth Zbarsky to service the Jewish community, says that their customers are pleased with the treatment of the vehicle.

Quality work is completed in a reasonable amount of time so as not to inconvenience the client. As well, Ben-Zion has received positive reports concerning the before and after service from the sales department.

These rave reviews are a result of the vast experience owner Paul Stern has in running a top-quality dealership.

Although some customers may be drawn to the New Parkwood because of GM's environmental approach to the industry, others are attracted because of the wide range of vehicle that cater to all budgets.

Ben-Zion says that they have a vast selection of colors and stock available as well as many leasing and financing options from which customers may choose.

Ben-Zion says that increased sales have been made with an even distribution of buyers from the value to the luxury vehicle range.

It is encouraging to note that the mid-range conservative dollar is starting to make an appearance again within the car industry.

Eveningwear fashions

Salon femme. The name conjures up image of a swank fashion house in Paris where all the beautiful people stop in to pick up that very special outfit.

Now this Salon Femme is not in Paris, which means only good news for you, because except for being in Toronto at 514 Eglinton Ave. W., everything's the same, with just a bit of a twist.

The new Salon Femme features an exterior of salmon marble with a salmon and cream colored posh interior.

Sunshine pours through a skylight overlooking the "special occasion" department with its peach-stained hardwood floors and you can catch the glimmer of cocktail dresses through French doors. An impressive display, to say the least.

The high-quality, high fashion eveningwear that adorns Karen Blume's boutique is for women sizes 16 to 24.

Gone are the days when women seeking larger sizes have to worry about looking chic or finding just the right thing for that special occasion. With the wide selection of exclusive dresses imported from the fashion centres of Europe and the United States, Salon Femme has it.

Owner Blume says hers is the only boutique in Toronto offering the largest selection of special occasion wear for the women seeking larger sizes. "When women come into the store, it's not a question of will they find an outfit, but which one should they buy — and that's a nice feeling for any shopper to have.

"They are so happy to find many of the styles and fabrics that are shown in designer boutiques or Vogue magazine. What you find at Salon Femme can be seen on the fashion runways of Europe."

Blume points out that in cocktail wear there is something new coming in every few weeks from the United States and Europe.

Because of the excellent service provided their clientele, her sales staff know what their customers are looking for and when an item comes in that fits their needs, they are immediately contacted. Blume says through service like this by staff that has been with the store for many years, a loyal and satisfied customer base has been established.

Salon Femme's line of sequined and beaded evening jackets and cocktail and tea length dresses are perfect for mothers of the bride and groom, as well as wedding guests.

Blume says her customers have a choice of having their dresses highly elaborate or a little more subdued and in a variety of materials and trimmings such as beading or lace, depending on the time and place of the simcha.

"These days," says Blume, "I've found that afternoon weddings have become quite popular, so cocktail-length dresses are very much in demand." She stresses that whatever the customer chooses, her excellent dressmaking department makes all women look like they are wearing a couturier dress when "they walk out our door." "People really do come here first when they want something very special."

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Business Outlook

Business BEAT

Leopoldo Borzino, president and CEO of GFT U.S.A. Corporation, has announced the promotion of Al Israel to president and CEO of GFT Mode Canada Inc.

In addition, Israel has also been appointed president of the menswear division of the head company. In both positions, Israel will have overall responsibility for the direction and operations of each company and will continue to report directly to Borzino.

At the same time, Israel announced the appointment of Douglas Babbit as director of sales.

GFT Mode Canada Inc., is a wholly owned subsidiary of GFT U.S.A. Corp., whose parent company is Turin-based Gruppo GFT, a private multinational conglomerate that is one of the world's largest producers of men's and women's apparel.

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As Michael Teversham of the Fair Tax Commission writes, "Everyone is talking taxes these days. Public interest in taxation has never been higher."

The Fair Tax Commission was established by the Treasurer to provide advice on the design and implementation of a fair tax system. One aspect of the commission that makes it unique from other tax reform efforts is its objective to get as much public input as possible, he writes.

There are a variety of ways the public can get involved. Anyone can make a submission to the commission or working groups.

The public is also encouraged to comment on the reports of the working groups and research studies published by the commission.

All documents, therefore, are available to the public. An ongoing newsletter publicizes all new reports, studies and papers.

The commission will circulate a preliminary report containing the commission's initial ideas for tax reform, prior to holding public hearings. Those interested can comment on the report in writing or take part in province-wide hearings sponsored by the commission in the spring of 1993.

If you have a submission, comments or questions about any aspect of the commission, please write the secretariat at The Fair Tax Commission, 1075 Bay Street, 6th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2B1.

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A group of French Jewish businessmen together with Bank Hapoalim have launched a loan fund intended to expand employment opportunities for new immigrants in Israel.

In its first stage, it will grant loans of up to $25,000 each to small businesses in Carmiel and Ashdod in order to provide employment for newcomers in those cities.

The fund presently contains $750,000, one third of which is being provided by a French group investing in Israel called Invel and the remainder by Bank Hapoalim.

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Each year, the Retail Council of Canada honors two leading Canadian retailers with the Distinguished Canadian Retailer and Innovative Retailer of the Year awards.

David Sobey, chairman of Stellarton, Nova Scotia-based Sobeys Inc., has been recognized for his outstanding achievements with the Distinguished Canadian Retailer Award.

Sobey has acquitted himself as a highly successful retailer for over 40 years. Sobeys, the largest supermarket chain in Atlantic Canada, operates over 21 outlets under the Sobey, Lofood and Calbeck banners in Atlantic Canada, Quebec and Ontario.

The Innovative Retailer of the Year Award recognizes that success in retailing depends not only on carrying out retailing's standard functions excellently, but also on interpreting and catering to the ever-changing nuances of the society in which we live.

The recipient must have developed and applied successful creative techniques in store layout, merchandise selection, marketing, advertising and promotion, public relations, community involvement, visual merchandising, exceptional customer service and motivation and performance of staff.

This year, the award went to HMV Canada.

EC accepts bank for joint ventures

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Bank Hapoalim has been appointed by the European Community as an authorized "Financial Institution" (FI) for the European Community Investment Partners (ECIP) fund for medium-size joint-venture.

Israel's largest bank will present carefully screened new projects and expansions of existing enterprises, which have developed new products or advanced technology, to the ECIP program.

Founded in 1987 by former French Foreign Minister Claude Cheyson, ECIP is seeking investments in Israeli businesses for the first time this year through Bank Hapoalim's auspices. Following meetings with Hapoalim experts in Brussels, the Fund will provide venture financing ranging from $500,000 to $6 million per project from its budget of $125 million for 1992.

The basis for an ECIP investment is an equity arrangement of at least 10 percent ownership by a European-based business or entrepreneur, 20 percent by the ECIP, 20 percent by a member of the Bank Hapoalim Group, and the remaining 50 percent by its Israeli initiators.

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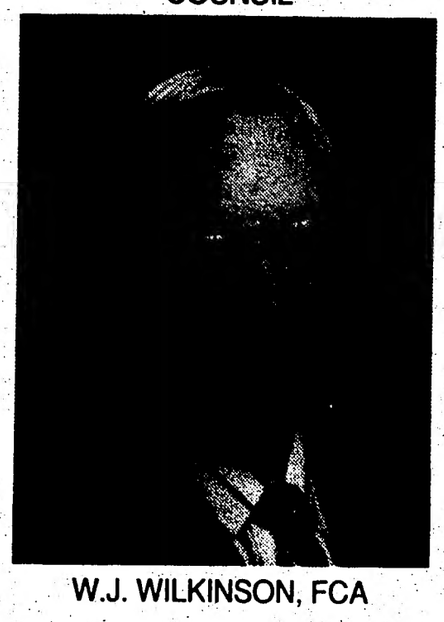

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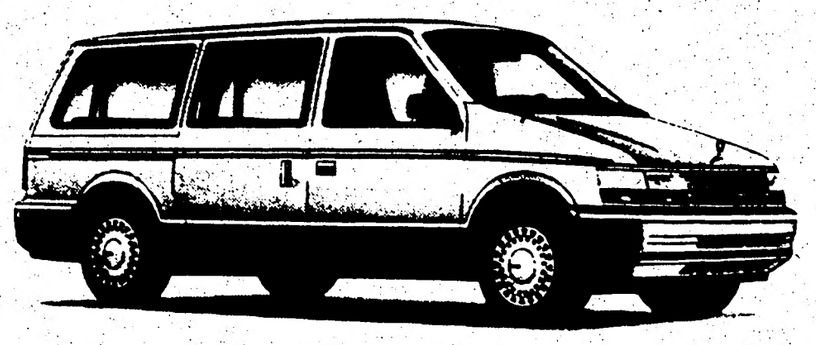

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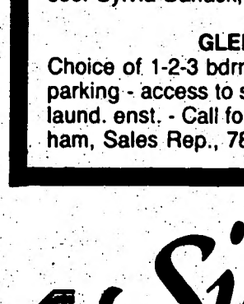

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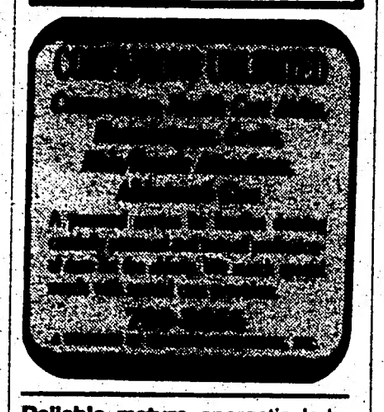

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Jakov Okun on Jun 4/92, late of 4266 Bathurst Street #909.
Lillian Marsello on Jun 5/92, late of 274 St. John's Road.

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Basova, Raisa on June 8, 1992.
Birnbaum, Sam on June 4, 1992, late of 52 Ashdown Cres.
Cossever, Mary on June 4, 1992, late of 1 Concorde Place.
Fishman, Freda on June 8, 1992.
Greenberg, Harry on June 6, 1992, late of 3000 Bathurst St., #1001.
Kornblum, Elsie on June 10, 1992.
Levinson, Annie on June 5, 1992.
Margaretten, Joseph on June 4, 1992.
Rosenberg, Michael on June 11, 1992.
Wagman, Albert on June 7, 1992.
Winkler, Silvia on June 8, 1992, late of 140 Erskine Ave., #419.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

56 Unveilings

The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of the late **Anne Wysold** will take place on Sunday, June 28, 1992, 1:00pm, at Mount Sinai Memorial Park, 986 Wilson Avenue, Ozrower Benefit Society Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late **Tessie Halpern** will take place on Sunday, June 28, 1992, 11:30am, at Roselawn Cemetery, Shomerai Shabbos Section. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Dawes Road Cemetery
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(MASH)
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JOHN FREEDMAN ז"ל
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Pardes Sholom Cemetery
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will take place
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Jack Lovat ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 28th, 10:30 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Beth Radom Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Antoinette Renee Leibovici ז"ל
mother of Erika Leibovici and Eveline Perlitz
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Palmerston Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late, loved husband
ALEXANDER MANTEL ז"ל
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As he looked into the Book of Adam, Moshe Rabbeinu was shown the Sages and the leaders of all the generations of the future. When he thus gazed ahead at the generation that would live to witness the footsteps of Moshiach, he saw that they would have but a modest conception of Divinity, and in serving G-d with their minds and their hearts they would not attain the loftiest peaks of avodah. Rather, they would actively observe the Torah and its commandments in a spirit of self-sacrifice. At the same time, he was shown what joy this service would bring about in the heavens Above.

In the light of what his eyes then beheld, Moshe Rabbeinu became exceedingly humble; as it is written, "The man Moshe was very humble, more so than any man on the face of the earth."

> When he gazed ahead at the generation that would live to witness the footsteps of Moshiach, Moshe Rabbeinu became exceedingly humble.

THE "LIGHTWEIGHT" MITZVOS

There is a verse in the Torah that begins with the phrase, "And it shall be, that as a result of your heeding these laws, safeguarding and keeping them, the L-rd your G-d will keep in mind the covenant and the love with which He made an oath to your fathers."

Since the Hebrew word *akev* (here translated "as a result") shares the same letters as the Hebrew word *akev* ("heel"), Rashi interprets the opening phrase of the verse as follows: "If you will heed the *akev*, the 'lightweight' commandments that people trample underfoot..."

Looking at the same word *akev* from a different perspective, the teachings of Chassidus perceive in it an allusion to *ikvesa diMeshicha*, the era of the "footsteps of Moshiach. Accordingly, the above-quoted Hebrew opening prase can be understood as a reassurance to our people: "When the generation of the 'footsteps of Moshiach' comes about,"..."you will certainly heed (these laws)..."

Though they appear to be very different, one can find a common theme underlying these two interpretations: i.e., (a) the interpretation of Rashi, which speaks of the mitzvos which are trampled underfoot, and (b) that of Chassidus, which speaks of the way in which the mitzvos will be observed by the generation which will hear the approaching "footsteps of Moshiach."

In the time of the Beis HaMikdash, the Divine light shone forth manifestly. Accordingly, it was the blissful delight of perceiving this that motivated the people of that time to serve G-d. Inevitably, this pleasurable experience involved a certain consciousness of self.

The time of exile, by contrast, and especially this last period of the "footsteps of Moshiach," is a time during which G-d (so to speak) hides His Countenance. Thus, in the absence of palpable spiritual delight, the individual is not conscious of his own self. Indeed, what comes to light is his utter self-annulment before G-d.

If a person's divine service involves an awareness of himself, he will differentiate between the various kinds of commandments. For example, he may give preferential treatment to the mitzvos of the "head" - i.e., to those mitzvos that are intellectually oriented - because of the superior divine irradiation that their performance calls forth, while the mitzvos of the "heel" will be observed less punctiliously. This will not happen if he fulfils the commandments by "accepting the yoke of heaven," as an act of *kabbalas ol*. For when a person acts because of the command of his Master, he fulfils all the mitzvos with equal care, whether they appear to be "lightweight" or not.

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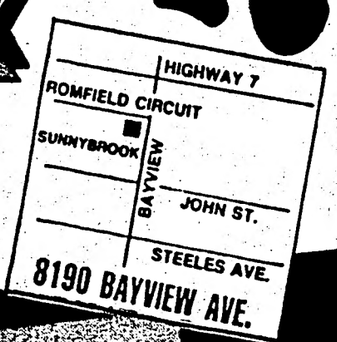

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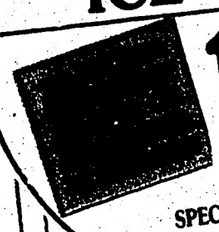

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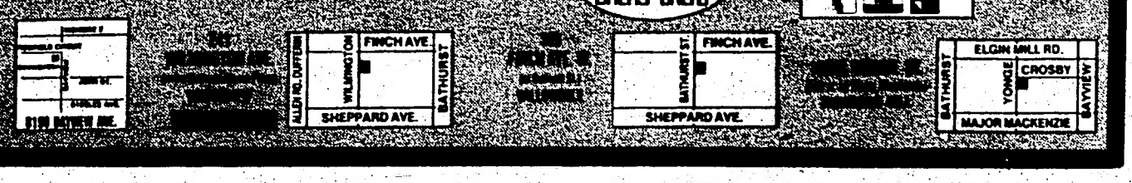

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Judaism and the Canadian Constitution

by Stephen A. State

To say that the Constitution is a Jewish issue and even a religious issue requires some justification; to propose a justification is to ask: "What is a Jew?"

Whether we begin from an examination of the Jewish Bible or an examination of contemporary Jewish practice it is hard to imagine a Judaism devoid of the connected concepts of commandment and covenant. Different denominations perceive the theological underpinnings of these concepts in different ways; the substantive details of commandment and covenant are also construed differently.

The pairing of these twin concepts is important. Strictly speaking it is not commandment that marks the beginning of Judaism; it is the choice of accepting commandment and grounding that acceptance in the formality of covenant. In that sense all Jews are Jews by choice. There are no covenants without informed consent and consent implies making choices.

Na'aseh v'nishma — we will do and we will listen — (which, not so incidentally, is the name of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism's newsletter on Social Action) nicely expresses the consent and covenant to comply with commandment. But what are we buying into here? One important commandment is that which enjoins the pursuit of justice.

If the pursuit of justice is part of what it means to be a Jew, the Canadian constitution demands our understanding and our action.

A Jewish Justice Agenda

In addressing the Constitution our question is not so much "what do we want" but more precisely, "which constitutional details can we defend as consistent with our Jewish tradition of justice?" This in turn invites the further presumption of stipulating the Jewish view of justice. Taking refuge once more in the non-authoritative status of layperson let me venture the following as a possible 'Jewish justice agenda.'

i) Justice requires that we treat equal cases equally.
ii) Justice requires that we depart from equal treatment in the interests of fairness where special circumstances warrant.
iii) Justice requires (of us especially, as 'Children of the Covenant') that we respect valid contracts and promises and concede special cases on this basis where circumstances warrant.
iv) Justice requires that, as a community, we address the material needs of all members of our community in order to ensure meaningful opportunities for self-development.
v) Justice requires of us as *'shomrei adamah* — stewards of the earth' — that we pursue the common moral goal of environmental preservation.

The first two are purely formal claims and everything will hinge on the substantive considerations that merit equal as opposed to exceptional treatment. The Jewish grounding of these formal aspects of justice would seem to be connected to the concept of a monotheistic God. One God; one set of rules. Historically speaking, the substantive considerations connected to them have not remained constant: most Jews would not now accept lowered ethical standards in their relations to non-Jews; in the past it sometimes mattered with regard to damages allowed by Jewish courts whether, for example, the owner of an ox gored by your ox was a Jew or a non-Jew.

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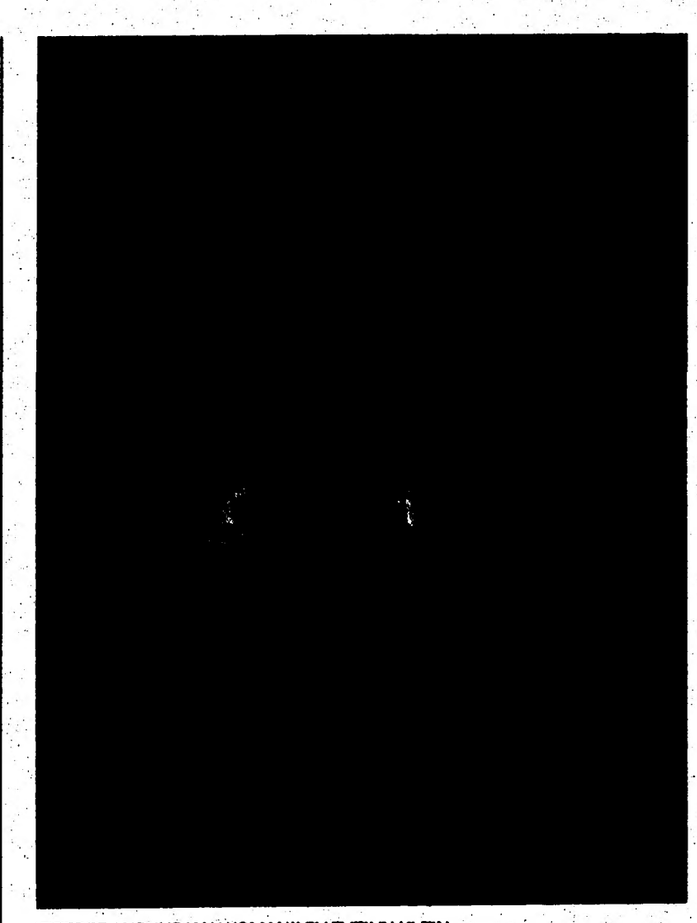

"TEEPEE AND INDIAN WOMAN" BY EVELYN KLEIN
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The third aspect of justice, that which is linked to the concept of covenant, needs little elaboration. The fourth aspect of justice is entailed in the injunction to leave the corners of our fields for the poor. What this implies is not only an obligation on the part of those who have in excess but also an entitlement right on the part of those who have not. Jews haven't needed a Rawlsian state of nature to prompt a redistribution of wealth in the interests of justice. This can be linked to the text of Genesis which confers on humankind the responsibility for ecological stewardship. It is implied as well in the general injunction to choose life. Without a livable environment life is impossible.

The Concept Of 'Tikkun Olam'

If these are the constituents of a Jewish understanding of justice, how are they to be applied to the Canadian case? The focus of our concerns are nicely captured in the phrase *Tikkun Olam:* the repairing of the world. But in seeking to repair we need to attend to the fact that not everything is broken. Some things are worth preserving; some things are not.

Irving Abella has shown that the first Jew to come to what is now Canada faced the mutually exclusive options of remaining in the country or remaining a Jew. Although the *de facto* status of Jews may have been superior in Canada to that which prevailed in the homogeneous nation states of Europe, Jews were subject to formal and informal barriers to full participation in both of the two 'nations' that made up the political contract of Confederation.

As recently as a generation ago Canada permitted restrictive covenants on the sale of property which discriminated against Jews and others; universities imposed effective quotas which barred Jews and others from studying and teaching — on grounds other than merit; government immigration officials could consider requests to shelter Jewish refugees on the principle of 'none is too many.'

If the position of Jews in Canada was in the past marginal and equivocal, the position of Aboriginal peoples was more akin to that of strangers in their own land. The two nations model of Confederation attests to the fact that Aboriginal peoples were not invited to participate in the agreement which established Canada as a political entity. As a hunting and gathering culture with a strong spiritual connection to the land, aboriginal peoples were and are especially at risk from the expansion of the European culture of both of Canada's 'two nations.'

Some significant changes have taken place which merit approval. Canada has undergone considerable evolution in terms of political practices and principles of civic, social and economic participation. Demographic transformation has eroded the sense in which Canada is the political umbrella of 'two nations' and Jews have no cause to share in George Grant's lament for this transformation to a plural society.

The principle of bilingualism which specifies two particular languages rather than language in general is a departure from a principle of justice construed as equality. It is, as Victor Goldbloom has argued, a warranted departure since the invocation of equality in language policy would lead to a Tower of Babel.

Justice Grounded In Covenant

Against this general invocation of justice as equality we need to consider whether there are other justifiable exceptions which, in the interests of fairness, require special treatment. One possibility is the case of Quebec. If we approach the problem from the perspective of justice grounded in the notion of covenant there are some implications that would seem to follow.

Canada is a federal state which, at the time of Confederation, set out an agreement according to which its collective political life would be pursued. The terms of that agreement included special provisions for the preservation of the language and culture of Quebec's majority. Whereas the principle of justice as equality (multiculturalism, universality, etc.) *is* at odds with granting Quebec special status, the principle of justice linked to the honouring of agreements is *not* inconsistent with granting Quebec special status.

The repatriation of the Constitution and the Constitution Act of 1982 also constitute an agreement. Quebec, however, was not a party to that agreement. Whereas the provisions of that agreement more clearly express a willingness to define Canadian life in the universal terms of multiculturalism and equality (although as mentioned above there are concessions to the particularity of bilingualism) it is, nevertheless, an agreement which supplants an earlier agreement. If we think in terms of honouring the previous agreement then there is reason to grant Quebec a special status.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

I have previously stated in these pages that there are fashions in Jewish theology as in all human activities. A current example is the recent growing interest in a basic mandate given by God to the Jewish people: Tikun Olam — to heal, repair and redeem the world. For historical reasons too complex to delineate here, this basic tenet has been underemphasized since the Diaspora began, and is now evoking growing interest under the rubric of Social Action by Jews.

Of all the denominations in North America, the Reform Movement has been in the forefront in this area. Stephen State is the Co-ordinator of the National Social Action Committee of the Canadian Conference of Reform Judaism. He has sent us an article on "Judaism and the Canadian Constitution", in which he advances the view that the Constitution is a "Jewish issue and even a religious issue". His claim is grounded on the traditional belief that the hallmark of Judaism is the pursuit of justice; he then proceeds to detail the implications of this concept for the current Constitutional debate. He indicates how this perspective results in very specific recommendations with regard to bilingualism, native rights, the necessity for a social charter, and environmental protection, among other issues.

Nathan Keyfitz has sent us an update on the rapidly changing position of Jews in Europe resulting from the political upheavals taking place almost daily in the various European countries. He points out that European countries, unlike those in North America, are composed of homogeneous communities, sharing a common ancestry and a common history. As such, they share a strong tendency to rejection of members of alien groups, among whom they persist in placing Jews, even if they have resided in the country for centuries. This, together with current economic problems they are now undergoing, raises once again the specter of increased anti-semitism.

Rabbi Dow Marmur, Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto, was born and raised in Poland. In 1988, he revisited the country with his now adult children. He describes the visit as a "harrowing and tense experience." He analyzed for us his own still ambivalent feelings about Poland in an honest and insightful manner.

In her piece, In The Land of Solomon's Garden, Jo Ann Gardner has sent us a delightfully refreshing account of a recent visit to Israel. Her training as a garden writer has heightened her sensitivity to the sheer beauty of Israel's floral and agricultural produce, especially when seen in its full flower of springtime. She shares her delight with us, not only in the land itself, but in the variety of peoples and cultures she encountered on her visit.

Two poems by D'vorah Elias complete the issue.

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If we think in terms of insisting on the new agreement, where the two nations model is subsumed under the general principle of multiculturalism and equality under the Charter, then there is reason to concede Quebec's departure from Confederation should the democratic process within Quebec decide not to accept the terms of 1981-2 or some subsequent offer.

Alternatively, if we approach the problem from the perspective of justice which seeks to treat equals equally and justifies departures from equality only on the basis of relevant differences, then we have a different set of implications which follow for the case of Quebec.

Quantifying Distinctiveness

In considering the differences which exist among the provinces of Canada (and the Charter, at least, includes the Yukon and Northwest Territories within the ambit of the definition of 'province') the question we face is that of quantifying the quality of 'distinctiveness.' Quebec is distinct, but how to measure that distinctiveness relative to other provinces? and what concessions to concede from the principle of equality on the basis of its distinctiveness? The principle of justice which arises from contract is arguably a stronger basis for a special case than that which makes for a special case on grounds of distinctiveness.

The complicating factor here is the presence within Quebec of minority cultures and languages. In the rest of Canada the preservation of a particular nation in ethnic and linguistic terms is explicitly not a condition of citizenship. As a minority religion and people we understand the desire to preserve distinctiveness — a desire which Jews have expressed through support of an Israeli state that is predicated upon Jewish particularity. But if the preservation of the distinctiveness of the local majority is predicated upon the marginalization of its minorities then there is cause for concern both in Canada and Israel.

In the face of moral conflict what may be recommended is a political compromise which balances the claims of Quebec's majority with those of its minorities. If we wish Quebec to remain in Canada — to renew the covenant as it were — it seems fair to make reasonable concessions to the minority status (in a Canadian and North American context) of the local majority of Quebec without compromising its constituent minorities.

Aboriginal Canadians Qualify For Special Treatment

The case of Aboriginal Canadians is also one which should be considered by Jews as a candidate for special treatment. The approaching 500th anniversary of 1492 is not a cause for celebration among Native Canadians involving as it does the memory of cultural displacement. Jews also recall that date with a significance that connotes displacement. And even if the New World to which it gave rise has produced a shelter for us, our present claim — as non-Native immigrants — of self and collective preservation needs to be balanced by concessions to the displacement which has taken place and which has led to our benefit.

As 'Children of the Covenant' we need to be especially sensitive to the binding nature of contracts. We have a duty to see that the promises and mutual understandings of Treaties involving Native communities are honoured. Also, aboriginal claims to a special case, including land claims and an inherent right to self government, are in part based upon a claim of original possession, long-term occupancy and a spiritual connection to the land. These claims, coupled with a desire to preserve their distinctive culture (which would not be adequately served by reference to non-discrimination or multiculturalism) are claims with which Jews are familiar — especially in the context of Israel. To articulate these claims for ourselves entails that we recognize such claims by others. And, where conflicting valid claims are present we need to make compromises — including those of a territorial nature.

If we reflect on the injunction of Torah that requires the owners of property to leave the corners of their fields and the fruit that drops from their trees to be harvested by the poor, it seems necessary to draw certain conclusions regarding the kind of community that we are enjoined to pursue.

Implied in this injunction is an entitlement right on the part of the poor to the provisions which are necessary to preserve life. Also implied is a duty on the part of those who possess property and wealth to share with those who have not. The model of community which this entails significantly departs from that associated with classical liberalism whereby a community is taken to be a minimal arrangement designed to permit the maximization of material prosperity or self-interest of essentially isolated individuals or groups.

In terms of recent constitutional discussion the question of which version of 'community' to advocate has polarized around two specific claims for inclusion in the charter: the right to property on the one hand and the need for a social charter on the other hand. To the extent that the first is linked, ideologically, to a notion of community which rules out redistributions of property in the interest of the disadvantaged (or rules out restrictions on the use of property in the interests of environmental preservation) then we should oppose it. The corners of *our* fields do not belong to us.

We Must Support A Social Charter

With regard to a social charter, to the extent that such a proposal is meant to convey entitlement rights on the part of the have-nots and duties on the part of the 'haves' then I think we must be committed to its support. A Jewish understanding of community involves a responsibility to ensure not only negative rights but also meaningful entitlement rights and the provision of the necessities of a decent life including health care. The opportunities of classical liberalism are a deceptive illusion unless people have resources; the removal of discriminatory barriers will not feed a hungry child.

Environmental Protection Is Mandatory

Finally, if we take our tradition seriously and reflect upon the requirements placed upon us to 'choose life' and act as 'stewards of the earth' it is difficult not to conclude that we have an obligation to maintain a healthy and livable environment for ourselves and for our children. All of the rights and freedoms which we claim for ourselves and our fellow citizens are contingent upon a livable and sustainable environment. Environmental preservation is surely a common good and therefore deserves to be included in a just Constitution.

In conclusion, it may be that this foray into Jewish public policy will prove wanting. But some foray is necessary. The plight of our country provides the opportunity; our covenant to pursue justice provides the obligation.

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The Jews of Europe at the Close of the 20th Century

by Nathan Keyfitz

Europe feels a new economic and political power, especially since the Cold War has eliminated any need to depend on American military protection.

Simultaneously with this proud independence of the onetime American hegemony is a contrary movement, one that brings Europe ever closer culturally to the United States. More and more Europeans speak English as a second language, and the population learning English is vastly increased both in the successor states to the Soviet Union, and with the passing of the Russian language in Eastern Europe. The style of popular music, the television on which it is performed and the advertising that supports it, the universality of computers and facsimile, are part of the same Americanization. In my less than 10 years here I have seen American style shopping centers and American style chain stores spring into existence and they have already destroyed the family-operated stores in which I used to buy my groceries.

But there is a huge difference in the basic conception of civil society that animates the two sides of the North Atlantic, and to a Jew this inner difference is more conspicuous than all the outward physical resemblances. Let me try to sketch the two conceptions of a national community, the one on which the US was built and that more primitive and universal conception, which is indigenous to Europe and in the last few years has become more alive than ever.

The Nature of the Nation-Community; The European Perspective

Without some sense of community, a nation cannot operate. Its taxes will not be paid, law and order will not be maintained. The ideal, common not only to Europe but to most of the world, is a homogeneous community of people of a pre-existing, unchanging culture, sharing a common ancestry and a common history. One forgets that European nationalities have been formed relatively recently, and that much of the commonness is myth. France is one of the countries where the ideology is strong, and its current politics offers no reminders that the territory of what is now France had Bretons and Normans and Savoyards before it had Frenchmen, and that it has been enriched over the last century or two by Poles and Germans and Spaniards.

France tried harder than England to spread its culture, to use education to base community on a cultural unity, including with its colonies, for which it deserves credit even though the attempt failed. Daniel Bell gives a perceptive account of the way that this sense of nationality developed in Germany, where the requirement of common ancestry (as against common language and culture) has been stronger than in France. The Soviet regime and its ideology made a vast and carefully thought out effort to unify around an ideology, through schooling, radio, television, newspapers, books, theater, with both positive promotion and negative censorship, but it was an even more conspicuous failure than the French; it did not even suffice to make Ukrainians and Russians want to share a common political life, let alone Lithuanians and Azerbs. If there was a contest between ideology and ancestry, then ancestry has won.

The American Ideal is Different

The US has been a country of immigrants from the start, and has had unprecedented success in making a community out of culturally heterogeneous elements. Its Enlightenment ideal of unity cemented by constitutional and legislated equality of opportunity contrasts with the common ancestry that tends to be Europe's ideal. If a national territory is nearly empty at the beginning, and is to be populated by immigrants from all over the world, then the American way is the only workable possibility. This conception, with roots in the last years of pre-revolutionary France and richly developed and applied in the United States, is surely America's great gift to world civilization.

That contribution is no less great for not having been wholeheartedly imitated abroad, and no less great because many Americans today turn their backs on it. To interpret freedom as having Spanish schools for children of Spanish-speaking parents is to forget what those children are going to do after they graduate. The American way of building community could impose some requirements on its immigrants, insofar as they could see that they were being treated with absolute fairness. True that Muslims could not have prayers in school, but then no one could have prayers in school. Every meeting, every event, defined as public has to be made open to all, and none were to be made to feel unwelcome. In the special twist that this was given ever since the time of President Roosevelt the well-off were to contribute substantial taxes to help launch the poor, including the immigrant poor. Not all American administrations have been equally understanding of the conditions for creating a national community. The effort to incorporate the underclass is less strenuous under Presidents Reagan and Bush than it was under Johnson. It is forgotten that on the one hand equalizing taxes strengthens the community and on the other hand, the amount of equalizing taxes is an indicator of the strength the community has attained.

Canada subscribed to the North American ideal of an open society, a level playing field, the same starting point in the race for all. The disadvantaged had to be helped in order that the race might be fair. Everything possible had to be done in order that minority groups could make their contribution and receive their rewards. It cost money to the majority, but then they had benefits from the national community. The price the minorities willingly paid was adherence to common rules, and one sees currently a disinclination to insist on that adherence. Is a Sikh in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police allowed to wear a turban instead of the famous Mountie khaki hat? Until recently no, but now a ruling by the Supreme Court changes that, to the outrage of many Canadians who are not Sikhs.

And above all taxes are cut and deficits endured, in Canada as well as the United States; talk of "welfare chiselers" has become effective politics. This unwillingness of the better off to share with the poor is both a sign of loss of the sense of community, and a contribution to its further weakening. It is remarkable that it occurs at the end of a decade when the better off saw large gains in income, while the fraction of the population officially classified as "poor" increased substantially.

The Contrast of the Two Ideals

That attitude towards sharing can be contrasted with northern Italy's generous subsidies of the *Mezzogiorno*; former West Germany's support of the five provinces of East Germany to make a unified country; Germany's contributions to Greece and Portugal in the European Community. The United States has some regional redistribution of income that acts the same way, and so does Canada, but the recent tendency in both countries is to shift the burden from the central authority to localities. That weakens unity; poor states and provinces will be able to help their poor very little; rich ones will be free of the burden. The declining Federal tax rates of the 1980s, simultaneous with enormous growth of income for the better off, are on the one hand a measure of the loss of sense of community, and one the other, a further weakening of community through diminished support for schools.

The Ideal of Homogeneous Communities and Anti-Semitism

All this would seem to have little relation to assimilated Jews whose ancestors adopted France or Poland generations back. But by one of the peculiar chains of political logic that govern such matters, the immigrant is taking work from Frenchmen, Belgians, etc.; that strengthens parties of the radical right that want to throw them out; such parties have a tendency to anti-Semitism. Through this chain displeasure with immigrants spreads over and takes in Jews as well.

But another point arises in relation to the dominant political movement of the 20th century: the breakup of the great multinational empires that were assembled in the 19th and earlier centuries, including the Austrian, the British, the French, and now the USSR That breakup is resisted by the bureaucracies and armies of the several multinational states, and is giving rise to violence in many parts of the world, but the drive to cultural homogeneous states seems irresistible and will not stop at the present half-way stage.

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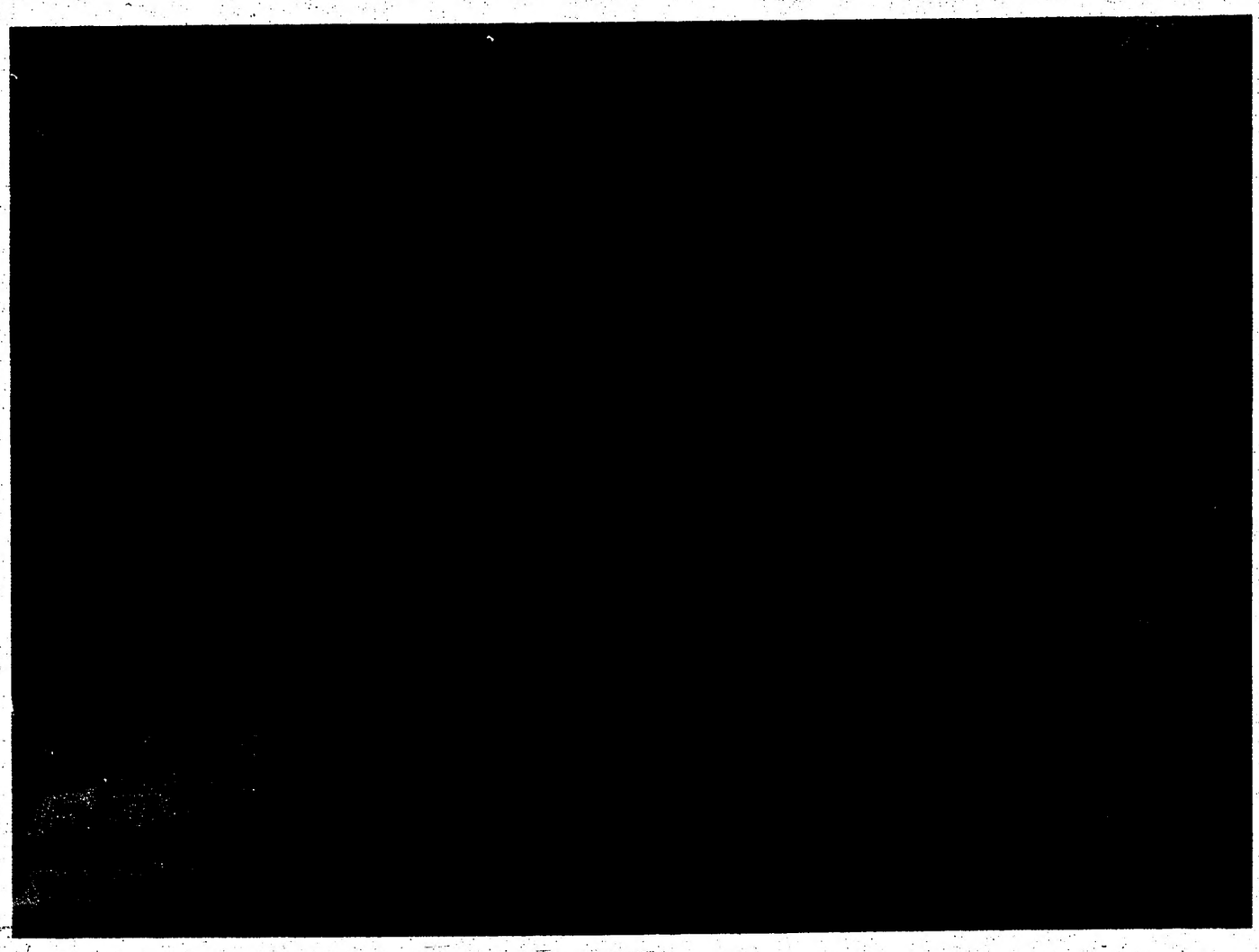

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THE JEWS OF EUROPE

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Jews can hardly be indifferent to the dissolution of states containing multiple populations. One might think that Croats who themselves were a minority and suffered as part of Jugoslavia would be generous and kind to minorities once they have obtained their own state, but that is not to be counted on. Malaysians from what they regarded as the British yoke have not shown generosity to their Chinese, nor Singalese to Tamils, nor Burmese to Arakanese, and dozens of other cases could be cited where the newly independent state has acted as badly or worse towards its minorities as it was itself treated when it was a minority. That is what seems to be happening in the dissolving USSR, where the Russians within the borders of the new Moldavia fear the Roumanian-speaking majority, the Armenians in Azerbaijan the Azeri majority.

And even Italy, as far from racism as any country, is starting to have a real and decidedly rightist opposition to the present political class that has ruled in Rome since 1948. It is the *Lega Lombardi*, the Lombard League, likely to emerge as the strongest party in the North. It argues that Southerners are lazy and corrupt; that the Italian economy has two speeds, so North and South cannot travel together. Indeed the Jews have done better economically in the North, and separation might be better for them as for other Northerners, but be careful before you applaud this, for the *Lega* from its start had an appeal with racist overtones. In the recent campaign this has been muted out of deference to Italian tolerance, but one cannot feel safe with it. The nationalist path on which the *Lega* has embarked seems in its very nature to lead towards exclusivism.

An independence movement in Flanders is now represented by 12 members of the Lower House of the Belgian Parliament, where before there were two. It calls itself the Flemish Block, and its symbol is a pair of boxing gloves, its hatred directed especially at Belgians of Arab origin. It denies any Fascist leanings but still is frankly right radical. "In Switzerland the Simplifiers are on the March," reads a headline in *Die Presse*, and it recounts that in 1991 there were 73 attacks on refugees known to the police. For Switzerland with its long tradition of neutrality that is especially surprising. Denmark also has seen a series of manifestations of the radicals all the way from inflammatory pamphlets to burning down refugee houses, and the same is true of Sweden, otherwise the model of civic virtue and responsibility. I do not know of explicit mention of Jews in all this, and the number of actual criminals among the racists is tiny, but still Jews have no reason to feel good about such activities.

The former USSR has shown enormous civic and cultural progress since the Communist shackles were shaken off. These last are truly two years that shook the world. Try to imagine as little as five years ago an American rabbi invited to Kiev to organize classes in "Jewish tradition" in a public school. or Yiddish films of *stetl* life officially encouraged and enjoyed as much in Moscow as in New York.

Former USSR Has Deregulated Anti-semitism

The deregulation of the Soviet economy makes possible many things — bad as well as good — not before possible. It has deregulated crime, drugs — and it has also deregulated anti-Semitism. The National Academy of Sciences was moved to adopt an (unprecedented to my knowledge) resolution on anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union that warned of the dangers.

Aside from deregulation is the splintering of the USSR into the present 12 republics. Our acquaintances among Soviet Jews perhaps exaggerate when they talk of being in physical danger in Moscow, but the fact is that they simply want out. Many always wanted to leave, but now a further incentive has been added: the vision of an ideal of ethnic homogeneity that they see exciting their neighbours. And if their analysis goes deeper they must ponder what will happen to the economy in the future. For the moment it is dependent on foreign loans for the maintenance of employment, but at some level of state indebtedness those loans have come to an end. When that occurs there is liable to be a surge in unemployment, with the popular restlessness that that is sure to provoke, and this in turn makes one less than sure that Yeltsin's liberal regime will hold.

Though there are very few Jews on whom anti-Semitism can be nourished in Germany now, that could change. Some 25,000 Jews have applied for visas to settle in Germany. If all are accepted the Jewish population of that country will be doubled. The existing Jewish community welcomes their advent, though with some fear that they may be disappointed in their hope of immediately rising to the German economic level. It is true that a very large proportion of the immigrants would be doctors and other professionals, but they would still find German life highly regulated, and they would face many bureaucratic requirements — different from the bureaucracy to which they have been accustomed. There is practically no anti-Semitism in the media or in politics, though some desecration of cemeteries is noted, but it could still take them as much as ten years of language and other study, and dealing with the authorities in one connection of another, before they could hope to be part of the German economy and society. But surprisingly, some of those who years ago settled here from Russia say that becoming effectively part of the nation is more achievable in Germany than in Russia.

Let me end this section with a quote from a speech by the *Burgomeister* of Leipzig, in a ceremony important enough to be broadcast, and that unwittingly expresses a complete philosophy of man and society. Referring to the hard times through which East Germany is now passing, he was optimistic for the future. His words, which I myself heard, were:

The genes that made Leipzig once the most prosperous part of Germany, these genes could not be destroyed by 40 years of Communist rule.

Note the implication that the community consists of people sharing common ancestry. It shows among other things that although public life in Germany is as far as possible from racism, yet one of the things that Communist rule did not fully destroy was Nazi biology.

Kristallnacht

The strength of the democratic forces in Germany and of the Neo-Nazis was indicated on the latest anniversary of the Kristallnacht a few months ago. That word has not been translated; it refers to the breaking of plate glass (Kristall) when Nazi mobs were released against Jews on the night of November 9, 1938. Fully 20,000 Jews were killed or abducted in a pogrom that initiated the Holocaust. That 53rd anniversary was signalized by some 100 cities of Germany, and 100,000 people marched in the streets with signs like "Is human life inviolable only for Germans?" and "I am a foreigner too," the latter referring to the dislike of foreigners on which the extreme right is making political hay.

If those expressing themselves in favour of tolerance were of the order of 100,000, their mirror-image, the Neo-Nazis, were a very few hundreds.

National Differences

Judith Miller finds differences in national attitudes towards the Holocaust. Austrians generally evince no guilt, whereas Germans — especially the young — are disturbed and shamed by their country's past. The Soviets found it convenient to insist that everyone was victimized by the Nazis, and no more the Jews than others. The Dutch are an especially complex case. On the one hand the image of Anne Frank is cherished as the symbol of Dutch resistance; on the other hand the record of 8,000 Jews betrayed by Dutch informers bespeaks a more painful reality.

In my observation, two relatively bright spots are Britain and Italy. To go back to the 1930s, the last time when there was much public discussion of incidents that could serve as indicators, Italian Fascism never descended to systematic persecution, despite Axis pressure. Jewish friends in Italy today have absolutely no complaints beyond troubles shared by all Italians, and I have seen among Italian Jews none of the personality complexes that are so often the response to anti-Semitism elsewhere.

Britain received over 50,000 German Jews before war broke out, including some 10,000 children, few of whom were ever to see their parents again.

In our liberal age, authorities are supposed to make amends, or at least apologize, for their crimes of the past. Germany has supported Israel, paid generous pensions to refugees, and otherwise gone well beyond apologizing. Austria has only very recently, through Chancellor Vranitzky, made even verbal amends. The edict expelling the Jews from Spain in the 15th century has recently come into the news in a similar connection.

Recall from history that on a midnight of a day of August 1492, the Jews of Spain were to have left the country. Any who were found by dawn of the next day were to be converted, or if they refused, killed. In a recent ceremony just 500 years from the day that the edict was signed, Spain officially declared it a great wrong, and a rabbi blessed King Juan Carlos and President Herzog who took part. Spain had already, in 1986, established diplomatic relations with Israel. That covers the Spanish State. But Simon Wiesenthal attributes the expulsion also to the Church, and has carried on a campaign to persuade it to make at least symbolic amends. One of his proposals is that there be a symbolic trial of one of the key clerical figures of 500 years back; such a trial would be a convincing way of showing that the Church had changed. The Church says it has indeed changed, but a public trial is apparently too strong a statement to that effect.

Worse than the electoral gains of the extreme right or the losses of the socialists and moderate right is the way that the winds of politics have influenced the campaigns of all parties. For instance, the popular and populist, in no way anti-Semitic, Mayor Zilk of the Socialist Party that has always had its heaviest support in Vienna, tried to attract the anti-foreigner vote with the slogan "For a Vienna that is home to the Viennese." Chancellor Kohl is certainly no extremist, but as mentioned, he portrays himself as Germany's best protection against excessive immigration. I have seen instances where "immigrant" is code word for "Jew." Moderate politicians mostly dare not ask for sympathy for foreigners, and the only voices lifted loudly against xenophobia and anti-Semitism are those of the party of the environment, the Greens, whose following can get as high as 10 percent, but which can never be a major actor anywhere.

In France the governing Socialist Party of President François Mitterand has many worries on its agenda, including unemployment, strikes and potential strikes of farmers, truckers, and others, a scandal arising out of the transfusion of AIDS-contaminated blood to hundreds of hemophiliacs, yet out of this mass of problems, that of the foreigners stands out. And for some minds, the Jews are located among the foreigners, even though the vast majority are French-born. Mitterand speaks of a *crise de languer*, that has been translated as "national listlessness," failing to note that the listlessness is especially that of his own Socialist Party, to which he provides the most feeble leadership. The recent municipal elections have produced a result that shocked liberal Frenchmen: the Socialists were down to their lowest level in years, some 18 percent of the vote, and LePen's National Front picked up 14 percent, a figure that is said to have surprised even its leaders. Remember that 10 years ago, the National Front could count on less than 1 percent of the electorate.

Not only in France but throughout Europe governments are, in the words of *The Economist*, miserly with ideas, lavish with funds to buy the voters. The combination is especially unfavourable in a time when countries are up to their ears in debt, public and private. Borrowing and spending is of course the right medicine for the kind of recession into which Europe and the world have now fallen, but alas that medicine was all used up by short-sighted politicians when it was not needed — to create the preceding boom. They left economists with no answer to the present problem, other than to continue the liberal policies of borders as far as possible open to migration and to trade. Meanwhile, said the best analysts, there will have to be a period of consolidation, including suffering as much as 10 or 15 unemployment for a while, and governments accept this. Unemployment presents the extreme rightist opposition with a golden opportunity: the governments' policies of open borders, they say, will never solve the problem — they are what create the problem by admitting foreigners and foreign goods. A dangerous configuration. Says Vienna's only serious newspaper: "The spectre of right extremism is hovering over Europe and America...there is a call for a strong man. Should this worry us, or is it mere hyperbole and alarmism?" Only time will tell.

Poyln Un Yidn; Poyln On Yidn

Poland and the Jews; Poland Without the Jews

by Rabbi Dow Marmur

[English version of a lecture in Yiddish by Rabbi Dow Marmur, delivered to the Jewish Cultural Society of Toronto on October 27, 1991]

Your kind invitation to speak to you tonight gives me an opportunity to sort out some of my own conflicting and confused thoughts and feelings about a subject that has had a great bearing on my own life.

My confusion has many components. On a personal level, the only happy memories I have of Poland are before the outbreak of World War II. Since I was only four at the time, these memories are faint and vague, and they are overshadowed by many others. When my parents and I returned to Poland after years under Soviet regime — it was 1946, around the time of the pogrom in Kielce — I could not even be sent to a Polish school out of fear of what anti-Semitic kids might do to me there.

Mixed Feelings

Yet, when for a while I stayed in a "*bakhshara* kibbutz" for children in Katowice, and wrote letters to my parents in Yiddish, they urged me to write in Polish instead — in order to keep up the language. Poland may have rejected them, but they could not quite reject Poland and what it represented to them: their cultural and emotional roots; the security they would never regain. Similarly, when we came to Sweden a couple of years later, many of my parents' friends who had survived the Holocaust in the ghettoes and in the camps continued to speak Polish. These survivors still felt part of Polish culture, despite all that had happened to them.

As I was growing up, therefore, I became intensely aware of the mixed feelings towards everything Polish that governed the conduct of the people around me. I suspect that some of it has rubbed off on me, even though I found it easy to make first Swedish and then English my own languages. Perhaps that is why I was prepared to help start the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation of Canada; it was a way, I suspect, of dealing with my own inner feelings despite my apparent outward integration. As you will hear tonight, I have not yet succeeded to sort out the confusion, but you will also realize that I am trying to do so.

Perhaps my most dramatic encounter with Poland was our visit there in the Summer of 1988. Both my wife and I felt the need to show our roots to our now adult children. That is why we took our two daughters, our son and his wife to our native country and showed them all the places we remembered and which were still there. It was a harrowing and tense experience. It was also probably the most important family trip we have ever made. Why? Because people without roots — which is what we are, even though we have the languages — are in need of them, even if they are rotten roots.

One of the most apt descriptions of the complex relationship between Poles and Jews I have read comes from Emanuel Tanay, a psychiatry professor from Detroit and himself a Holocaust survivor. He writes: "Like a couple divorced a long time ago, Jews and Poles relive their failed marriage and fight over the custody of a gravesite. The custody dispute cannot be resolved without reaching an understanding about the failure of the past union." We went to Poland in an effort to understand the failed union.

Versions of History

When I told an eminent Polish philosopher recently of my visit, he asked me if I planned to come back for a vacation. I told him that I don't go to cemeteries on vacation. He was offended by my response, for his version of Polish-Jewish history is very different from mine. The Poles appear to have an understanding of the place of Jews in Polish society through the ages which is baffling and disturbing to many of us.

"LE CAFÉ DU MONDE" BY ROBERT KATZ GALLERY LOUISE SMITH, TORONTO

Let me quote but one example. A few weeks ago, the Polish Consulate in Toronto sent some of us a long article called "Polish Jews (10th — 20th century)", described as excerpts from an essay by Andrzej Bryk, Ph.D. and selected by the Press and Information Department of the Polish Foreign Ministry. I bring it to your attention not because of what the piece says — for it is badly written and badly translated, with a transliteration of Hebrew and Yiddish terms which must baffle the English reader — but because of the way in which it says it.

The author begins by recording the fact that Jews had come to Poland perhaps as early as in the 10th century, and most decidedly in the 11th. He then goes on to quote all the privileges that Jews were given by the Medieval Polish kings, starting with Boleslaw the Pious in 1264, continued and strengthened by Kazimierz the Great exactly a hundred years later and augmented many times thereafter. He also quotes statistics about the considerable numerical growth of the Jewish population through the ages, reaching about 3,3 million en 1939, 10% of the total population.

I am prepared to overlook the author's shaky knowledge of things Jewish. He describes, for example, the Shulkhan Arukh — the 16th century Code by Joseph Karo — as "a new version of the Talmud for everyone." But I don't think we should forgive, neither him nor those who distribute the material, the tendentious writing. Let met offer a few samples.

He describes anti-Semitism in one place as "anti-Jewish excesses." Does that mean that a moderate measure of anti-Judaism is acceptable to him?

He equates *shekhita* with Jewish economic domination. To quote him verbatim: "As to the government [of Poland of the 1930s], it admittedly denounced physical violence but, on the other hand, was supportive of the economic struggle (by, among other things, imposing restriction on the ritual slaughter of cattle) with Jewish business interests and fully endorsed Jewish emigration."

He implies that in this the Zionist movement cooperated with the Polish nationalist goverment, because it wanted Jews to go to Erets Yisrael, and thus came to collude with Poland's anti-Jewish measures. This, in turn, is consistent with his view that the Jews themselves, because of what he calls their "traditional cultural estrangement," deserved much of the invective they got from Poles. He is the victim of the same prejudices when he describes the anti-Semitism of the 1950s and 1960s as being caused by the many Jews in the service of the oppressive communist regime.

Poles Never at Fault

If it is never the fault of the Poles; it is always the fault of some other, usually foreign, forces: nationalism, communism, capitalism, even Zionism. It was like that before the communist regime, during it, and now afterwards. Thus Stanislaw Tyminski, the Polish Canadian who wanted to play a part in Polish political life but was thwarted in his intention and recently returned to Canada, declared that his lack of success is, of course, due to the Jews. Although there are hardly any Jews left in Poland, there is still enough anti-Semitism to use them as scapegoats.

But, in all fairness, not everything in Dr Bryk's tract — to return to it once again — is negative. He makes, for example, the oft repeated and partly legitimate, claim that many Poles helped Jews during the Shoa, despite great danger to themselves, and he draws attention to the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles at Yad Vashem (which, at one point he confuses with Har Hazikaron) where many Polish names are recorded, including that of the Catholic-Polish organization created during the War to aid Jews, "Zegota".

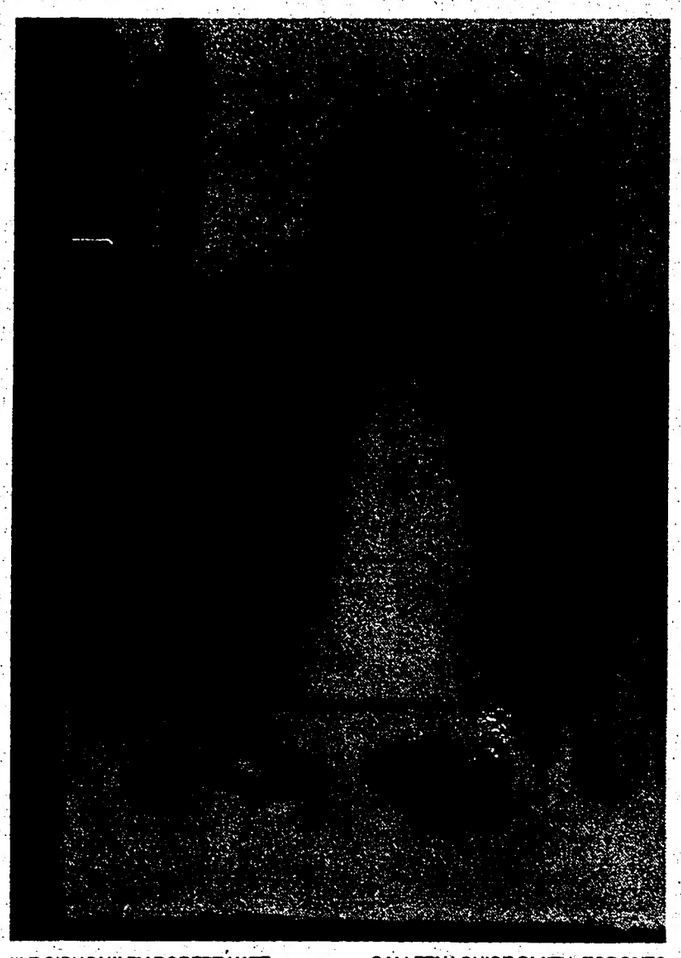
Finally, although Dr. Bryk repeatedly describes Jews as aliens and potential and real allies of Poland's enemies (notably the Soviet Union), he also acknowledges the contribution of Jews to Polish Culture and the central place of Poland's Jews in world Jewry. His example, however, is somewhat strange: he quotes *pilpul* as Polish Jewry's unique gift to Jewish scholarship — not exactly the most glorious aspect of Rabbinic thought, and by no means the only, or the main, contribution of Polish Jewry.

But what is remarkable is the absence of any remorse. To quote Dr. Tanay again: "The presence of guilt among survivors and the absence of guilt among perpetrators and bystanders are a clinical and historical enigma... The absence of shame among perpertrators and bystanders has been neglected by science and public opinion." The publication issued by the Polish Foreign Ministry corroborates the psychiatrist's diagnosis.

Polish Self-Understanding

Behind the apologetic and the selective memory is, of course, one of the central themes of Polish self-understanding. Poland sees itself as the perpetual martyr, "the Christ of the nations" and, as victim, refutes every accusation of victimization of others. To the extent that it is prepared to acknowledge Jewish suffering, it does so as part of the same martyrdom, perpetrated by outside forces, notably Poland's most powerful neighbours, Germany and Russia. If Poles are all prepared to recognize Jewish pain, it is only as part of Poland's pain.

I am not sure that I would have dared to put it like this had I not read a persuasive essay by Stanislaw Krajewski of Warsaw in which he makes this very point. Krajewski is a young Jewish intellectual who has become one of the leaders of what is left of the Jewish community in Poland, not because he holds high office but because of the person he is. I met him at an international Jewish conference in London last year and was deeply impressed by his knowledge, his commitment and his sincerity.



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Reading Krajewski I have come to realize that, rightly or wrongly, many Poles see themselves in the same way as many Jews: chosen by God, perhaps for a higher purpose, the price of which is frequent, if not constant, suffering. With such similar perceptions, it becomes difficult for the one to acknowledge the claims of the other. Although there have been many Poles, some in responsible positions, including the Polish Cardinal Glemp, who have tended to dismiss every charge of Polish anti-Semitism as a manifestation of the anti-Polonialism of those who make the charge, thoughtful and influential Polish intellectuals have made serious public and publicized attempts to pay full attention to Jewish legitimate claims, without in any way compromising with their own self-understanding as Poles.

It is, therefore, according to Krajewski, too superficial and facile to describe all Poles as anti-Semites. Despite his own documentation of Polish anti-Semitism, he urges us to recognize that anti-Semitism divides, rather than unites, Poles. Therefore, he, together with another Polish-Jewish intellectual, vehemently and publicly opposed Prime Minister Shamir's statement that the Poles get their anti-Semitism with their mother's milk, as he has repudiated the offensive pronouncements by Glemp and others. Stereotypes are bad, whether they come from Jews or Poles, Krajewski insists, and we have every reason to agree with him.

The Auschwitz Convent Controversy

The recent Auschwitz convent controversy has not only complicated Polish-Jewish relations, but it has also frustrated progress in the relationship between the Jewish people and the Catholic Church. The fact that the Pope is Polish is, of course, highly relevant. The fact that his pronouncement includes statements to the effect that the Jews have brought disaster on themselves by rejecting the Christian message is painful to Jews and embarrassing to many Catholics. The fact that he quotes the Hebrew Prophets as his "evidence" makes his theology offensive. But I have to save that aspect for another lecture.

What To Do Next

I am sure that most of those present here tonight have a different perception of Polish history than the one presented by the Polish Catholic Bishops, the Polish historian I quoted earlier, and even the Jewish intellectual Stanislaw Krajewski. But I am not at all sure that debating that particular issue is going to take us much further. Instead, I would like to ask the more Jewish, and pragmatic, question. What are we to do next? It is quite obvious that we neither can nor want to eradicate the memory of Poland from Jewish consciousness. It is equally clear that we cannot let "bygones be bygones" and start afresh. Therefore, we have to ask, what other options are available to us?

To start with, let us learn about the past. Our original reason for establishing the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation was to remind our fellow Jews that there is more to Polish-Jewish history than martyrology. Since a large proportion of the world's Ashkenazi Jews have origins in Poland, it is important for them to know that their ancestors were not only "wandering Arameans" but also women and men of culture and learning. They contributed much, not only to the shape of Poland but to Judaism, and that has to be documented and acknowledged.

We also need to show that Jews were not always persecuted in Poland but often lived in considerable safety and much greater comfort than the vast majority of the country's largely peasant population. Although Jews chose to live in their own self-contained society as much as they were driven to it, some played an important part in all aspects of Polish life, and many more would have done so, had the opportunities been given to them by the authorities.

Next, we must learn to distinguish between the lethal mixture of nationalism, religion and anti-Semitism that poisons Polish life to this very day, and the progressive forces that do exist there now, and have existed in the past. By condemning all Poles we are unjustly denigrating the memory of those, be they many or few, who did risk their lives in the Holocaust, and unjustly punishing those who today withstand popular pressures by speaking out with courage in defense of Jews and Judaism. Precisely because it is our duty to repudiate anti-Semitism, we are morally bound to strengthen the forces of progress and justice in Poland. When we refuse to do so, we are in danger of playing into the hands of the anti-Semites we despise. If we are to claim the right to be understood as Jews, as we must, we are also duty-bound to seek to understand others, even if we, in the end, come to disagree with them.

Recent Tyminski Story Must Be Carefully Assessed

Let us take an example from the Canadian scene. We have every reason to be outraged by the comments of Tyminski, the Canadian Pole who did not succeed in becoming the dictator of Poland, over his blatantly anti-Semitic remarks, as we should be gratified at the reaction by Stanislaw Orlowski, a past president of the Canadian Polish Congress who, rightly, described

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Tyminski's charges as preposterous. We must be careful not to punish the Orlowskis of this world for the sins of the Tyminskis by making general statements about the behaviour of all Poles — but neither must be overlook the depravity of the Tyminskis because of the Orlowskis.

Unfortunately, most Jews don't like to hear what I have just said. I do not blame anybody, for I am as much aware as the next person of the deep wounds which the remnant of Polish Jewry carries and which it is bound to bequeath to future generations. I do not blame, but I ask everyone to be a little more discerning, if for no other reason than that such discernment helps the healing process. For hatred always causes more pain to the one who hates than to the one who is hated; it also breeds more hatred, and thus more pain.

I regard my own efforts to understand the complex relationship between Poles and Jews as a therapeutic process, as a way of working through my own conscious and uncounscious traumas. I have no desire to live in Poland, or even visit the country for reasons of recreation; you heard what I said to the Polish philosopher. But I believe that it may be necessary to do so for reasons of health; you heard what I had to say about taking my family there three years ago.

Three More Reasons For Visiting Poland

Should I go to Poland again, it would be for one of the following three reasons.

Firstly, to help preserve the past. Poland still has a number of Jewish cemeteries. I believe that we owe it to ourselves to keep them. It is characteristic that many young Polish Jews began to rediscover their origins by recording the names of Jewish tombstones and seeking to preserve them for posterity. The sites of ghettos and camps are also our cemeteries. We are, therefore, obliged to make sure that they are preserved in ways that reflect the truth and honour the martyrs by not allowing the Jewish dimension to be minimized, as is still often the case.

My second reason for going to Poland would be to reach out in friendship and co-operation to those Poles who genuinely seek to come to terms with the past and go beyond it. If you follow, even in a limited way, as I have tried to do of late, what is being said and written in Poland today, you cannot fail to notice the many genuine efforts in intellectual and artistic circles to integrate the Jewish dimensions into contemporary Polish consciousness. It may not be enough, but it is better than nothing; it may be too late, but it is better than never.

A third reason for going to Poland would be because there are still Jews there, including some close relatives of ours. Yes, they started off life by believing that communism would bring salvation and that they were instruments. Yes, in the process, they repudiated their own Jewishness. But history has proven them wrong, and they know it. As Jews we must not deny repentance to anybody. Therefore, it is our duty to support and strengthen the dwindling community, as it is our duty to support and strengthen every Jewish community, irrespective of numbers. They need to be in close touch with us, and we must not deny it to them.

To paraphrase an old Jewish saying, you may take a Jew out of Poland but you cannot take Poland out of a Jew. Poland may be on the verge of being *without* Jews, but the question of Poland and the Jews will remain on our agenda for a long time.

Postscript: A True Story

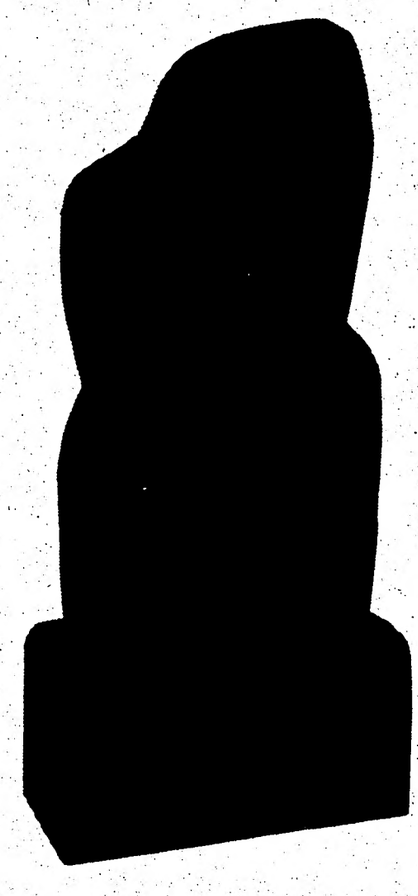
I should have concluded my lecture here, but I have a need to tell you a true story. Six years ago while on visit to Gothenburg in Sweden, where I grew up after I left Poland in 1948, I met a member of the Jewish community there by the name of Altman. He told me that his brother in another Swedish town had just visited Poland where he had found the grave of their parents in the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw and had had it restored.

On his last day in the country he went back to the cemetery to say *kaddish* at the new gravestone. While he was saying the prayer, a gust of wind swept away his *kippa*. He searched for it in the thicket — anybody who has seen the cemetery in Warsaw knows its terrible condition — but to no avail. That distressed him greatly, for the *kippa* came from his daughter's recent wedding and it was suitably inscribed; he greatly treasured the memento. As a last resort he asked the caretaker at the cemetery to look out for it, and, should he find it, send it to Sweden irrespective of the condition of the skullcap. He left his address and a dollar reward in anticipation.

Some time afterwards, a visitor at the cemetery enquired why one of the stones was so new. The caretaker told him that it had been recently erected and, as a matter of fact, he had the name and address of the man who had it done.

Yes, you have guessed it. The new visitor was a long lost brother. Unlike the two who now lived in Sweden, this one went to Russia, joined the army of General Anders and, together with many of his comrades, ended up in Great Britain where he was now a London cab driver. He had made enquiries after the War through the Red Cross but to no avail. Similarly, the brothers had enquired and, in the end, concluded that he had perished in some Soviet camp. Now, the grave of their parents brought them together again.

I propose to draw no conclusion other than to suggest that there is healing in remembering.



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In the Land of Solomon's Garden

by Jo Ann Gardner

Waking up on the Kibbutz Kinneret in the early morning is like waking up in Paradise. Bird songs completely fill the air, doves coo in the background, temperatures are pleasantly cool, the landscape is filtered through a slight haze that adds to its dream-like image. Soon, however, the kibbutz comes to ordinary life with sounds of vehicles (trucks, tractors, motorbikes), laughter, talk, doors slamming, as everyone goes to his or her assigned job in the field, factory, kitchen, etc. There's a date factory, plastics factory, a 1,000 cow dairy operation, citrus, banana and date groves, as well as the Christian Baptismal tourist attraction I had passed on my way in.

Breakfast and supper in the kibbutz dining hall are unvarying: heaps of tomatoes, cukes, avocados, lettuce, tubs of yogurt, cottage cheese, olives, and piles of bread; the noon meal is always hot, often chicken. Members have the option of eating here or in their own homes, which range from apartments in one and two-storey red-roofed buildings to detached cottages, some almost villa-like and beautifully landscaped, others rather seedy. There is obviously range for individual expression and initiative. Everyone who works 8 hours is paid the same wages and everyone is free to spend them as he or she chooses.

By noon the haze clears and the heat is oven-like, but gradually it cools by late afternoon, when the sweet fragrance from a million nearby citrus flowers is carried on a light breeze. In the early evening the kibbutz members stroll on well-lit sidewalks past beds of blooming calla lilies, pansies, nasturtiums, roses, exotic tropical vines and shrubs, past the kibbutz clinic, dining hall, library, lecture hall, supermarket, general store, and post office, laid out along tree-shaded streets.

This could be a college campus or housing development in Florida or California, but it is the heartland of the early kibbutz movement, the source of the country's founding myths. Degania, the first kibbutz, established in 1901, is just up the road, where I.D. Gordon preached the doctrine of Jewish salvation through labor on the land. Rahel, the national poet, lived at Kibbutz Kinneret and is buried nearby, a tattered book of her poems laid in an iron box by her grave. Anyone can open the box, as I did, take out the book (held by a chain) and read the words that express the whole ethos of the Second Aliyah pioneers: "Perhaps I never made my body whole / In the blue and quiet gleam of my Kinneret! Oh, Kinneret of my soul / Were you once true, or have I dreamed a dream?"

Seventy years ago, when Kibbutz Kinneret was established, it was no more than a malaria-infested terrain, a few bleak buildings, no shelter from the steamy heat. Egalitarianism (shared poverty) was rigidly enforced. Once a man married a widow from outside who wanted to bring her fridge with her to the kibbutz; nothing doing, so the couple left. Now the kibbutz is very liberal, "the end," someone noted recently, "of the ideologique." Many people here and elsewhere are worried about the kibbutzim's future. Even with the relatively high standard of living (maintained by heavy government subsidies, now severely strained), half the kibbutz children leave every year, heading for the city. In a way, this is a tribute to the Zionist goal of normalizing Jewish life on its own land. Not many Israelis these days regard farming as a statement of faith; communal life appeals to very few.

My friend at the kibbutz is Shuka, a weathered Palmah veteran in his late 60s, whom I met three years ago on a field trip to the Negev to see the spectacular winter bloom. With him, I visited other kibbutzim in the area, attended local concerts and programs where Soviet *olim* (noticeable by their pallor) were always singled out for their participation, always warmly applauded. One day Shuka gave a lift to two young

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teenage girls. Afterward he beamed, "Only 5 months in the country and they speak perfect Hebrew. It will be a tragedy for us if they leave when other countries open their doors. We lose so many good heads."

In the kibbutz car, Shuka and I traveled all around the Jordan Valley, up and down the Galilee, the high rocky hills offering superb views of Lake Kinneret below, bordered by seaside resorts, settlements, fruit groves. We drove all the way up to the Lebanon border, stopping at the northernmost kibbutz — Misgave Am (Heroic Nation) perched on rocky cliffs in the shadow of snow-covered Mt. Hermon: a clean modern factory, fruit groves, attractive living quarters, designed with the climate (cool and breezy) and security in mind. Too remote from the centers of Israel and too near the Lebanon border, the kibbutz has difficulty maintaining 100 members. (Kibbutz Kinneret has over 800).

We drove up the narrow, winding roads of the Golan Heights; I had always thought of them as forbidding, remote, inaccessible, but in reality they rise up just beyond the Jewish settlements in the Jordan Valley. A security fence encloses the whole area, and mines from the Six-Day War are still around, as are Syrian bunkers at every turn in the road (to ambush approaching vehicles, Shuka told me). In a field of wildflowers I saw an overturned car from World War II, and lying nearby two pieces of broken ancient pillars. On steep rocky slopes from where Syrians had, until 1967, attacked the Jews below, I saw white-blooming sage outlined against the blue sky like a giant menora. Then at 1500′ on top of the High Golan, among a field of gorgeous red poppies, Shuka matter-of-factly pointed ahead... "That's Syria."

Everywhere we went, Shuka had friends and relatives, many of them Oriental Jews (from Arab lands) whose distinctive culture is apparent in their cuisine, architecture, land use, and customs, often quite similar to local Arabs. These were the Jews whom Ben Gurion called "the dust of the earth", treated as inferiors by the arrogant ruling Ashkenazim when they made aliyah in the 1950s. I found them warm, hospitable, proud, and remarkably free of bitterness. A Moroccan fisherman in Tiberias told me how he kept his 12 children healthy with herbs he grew in his garden (among lemon, orange, and almond trees); his wife served us St. Peter's fish he had caught himself in the Sea of Galilee, and chicken bought live in the market, slaughtered by the village shohet, kashered at home; an old man in a northern moshav showed me the family history book with his relatives posed with Iraqi officials; he turned the page... there was young Saddam... "He killed that one, and that one, and that one," he said, pointing to the government people. Several of the Oriental Jews I met, like this man, had come from distinguished, wealthy families. They had had to leave everything behind when they came to Israel (they've never been compensated). One day Shuka and I climbed the hill to nearby Moshav Kinneret to meet his plump, lively sister-in-law, Ruthie, who told us her family saga, apparently for the first time: the family was descended from Roman Jews, the original Palestinians who settled in Rome as early as 139 BCE. In Libya, Ruthie's father had owned land as well as a tire factory in Tripoli. There were nine children, the last one born in a tent in Hadera in 1951. "My father never complained," Ruthie said vehemently. "He kissed the ground when he arrived." Better to be poor in Israel than rich in Tripoli. I wondered if the non-Zionist Soviet olim would endure hardships with such forbearance.

Driving back from the northern border, Shuka asked, "Want to visit my Arab friends?" "Sure," I answered, and we turned off the main road, suddenly entering another world, the village of Maghár, built into the Galilee hills: narrow winding streets, white cement houses (cool in the summer), patches of neatly cultivated ground with orange, lemon, fig, and almond trees, grapes trained up balcony arbors that overlooked a valley with groves of olive trees and the village factory that processed them. The village population is one half Druze (an Islamic sect), one quarter Moslems, one quarter Christian Arabs. The Druze, like the Bedouins, serve in the IDF, and are well known for their bravery. They threw in their lot with Israel after the War of Independence.

Shuka's friends are an extended Druze family. First I was introduced to four very handsome young men — Chasyn, Saleh, Bassam, and Gemil — who shook my hand, indicating that they were 'modern', for when the patriarch arrived later he neither shook my hand nor looked directly at me. I also met the men's father, Jamal, and their mother, Samihah, a zaftig dimpled woman in a long blue velvet dress and white shawl.

Oriental hospitality, familiar to me now, unfolded in the guest room where cold drinks, trays of nuts (unripe almonds dipped in salt, sunflower seeds), bowls of fruit, and finally small cups of *sadah*, very bitter coffee, appeared in order. A full cup, I learned from Bedouins, means you have outgrown your welcome; a quarter of cup means you have found favor. Our cups indicated friendship and soon an exquisite meal was set before us — like something out of the Arabian nights: dishes of lamb on a bed of hummous, salads, olives, wild greens, pita bread. Druze pita, as distinct from Arab pita, is paper thin, in 2 inch square sheets, folded up like oversize napkins and set beside each plate. The men joined us on low seats around a low table, while the women of the household remained below in the kitchen.

Shuka had told me that during the war his Arab friends had supported Saddam. "But we can still be friends," he had commented philosophically. Could he have been referring to this friendly Druze family? In Israel, anything is possible. Only in the media are relations between Jews and Arabs black and white.

Back on the road to Tiberias, Shuka picked up two Arab men in their 20's. Giving a lift to soldiers is considered a mitzva, but during our travels, Shuka picked up anyone who looked even remotely in need of a ride. "I don't ask if they're Jew or Arab... we're all people." The men got in the back seat and Shuka, irrepressible, proclaimed to silence, "We are cousins," then, "What about the knives?", to which one man quickly retorted, "What about Kahane?", muttering under his breath, "Better leave it alone."

After we let them off, I learned that they came from the nearby village of Sakhnín, a place where even Shuka could not disguise the fact that "they hate Jews."

In Jerusalem it was cool, even rainy, the spring bloom lush and colorful... bright yellow jasmine trailed over stone walls, the spreading branches of the redbud (Judas) tree were covered to their tips with rosy-pink flowers. I stayed with my old friends (in the suburb of Bet Hakerem) who gave me a set of keys to the apartment. Early every morning I walked to the local pharmacy to wait for a ride from Yehiel, manager of the Jerusalem Botanical Garden, where I worked until mid-afternoon — sorting seeds, weeding, transplanting, pruning — then walked back to my friends' place, crossing the Hebrew University Campus on the

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SOLOMON'S GARDEN

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"L'AUTOMNE, ST-SAUVEUR #4 BY LILLIANE ROTH
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way. I got lost several times before I learned the route, but there was always someone to ask ("Slicha — Pardon me"...); in the vicinity of the University, almost everyone speaks English.

The Jerusalem Botanical garden was established in 1964, but it is only in the last 10 years, under the directorship of Dr. Michael Avishai, that it has developed into a world class institution, the most important botanical garden in the Middle East. The 65 acres, formerly a barren rocky slope, bounded by the Knesset, Israel Museum, and the University, is now terraced and divided into geographic sections representing the plants of the world: shrubs, trees, and flowers from tropical Africa grow adjacent to those from China and Japan, for instance. This is a unique arrangement (botanical gardens are usually organized by plant types), one that draws on the unusually favorable climatic conditions in Jerusalem. Dr. Avishai, known familiarly as Michael (Meekal) is energetic, ebullient, and undaunted by the recurring Ra'ananna-like crises from which the Garden suffers: lack of money, staff, and water.

I was very lucky to have a chance to go on a field trip with Michael, a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide, and three horticultural students from abroad. "I think you deserve to see this," he said, swerving the car off the road and bringing it to an abrupt halt while drivers behind us honked and yelled. We all rushed across the highway to a nearby field to examine the latest find: Acanthus, dusky rose and pale yellow bracts, spiny leaves, used in ancient times as a model for decorative stonework. All around were the red flowers of spring, the anemones, buttercups, tulips, poppies, adonis, and underfoot the still-budded white flowering Morning Bride, scabious.

Just ahead, having passed fields yellow with wild mustard, we stopped to look at the Jezreel Valley below, the largest diagonal valley in Israel, laid out before us like a jewel, in patterns of sown land, groves of fruit, fish ponds, and trees. We passed the turn for Meggido, the site of Solomon's stables ("No time for that now," said Michael) and we ascended Mt. Gilboa in search of the wild iris, one among several types for which Israel is famed. "See the iris!" a student in the back seat called out. The car swerved off the road again, and we all laughed, a near disaster in the service of floral beauty. We rushed out to a clump of the stunning Gilboa Iris: large and fluted upper petals, veined and flushed burgundy, with darker lower petals, the whole head about 5 inches across, the plant about 2½ feet tall, a magnificent flower in nature that would be hard to improve in appearance, but is notoriously difficult to cultivate.

As the car started up again, Michael surveyed the scene before us, beautiful wildflowers everywhere, dominated by clusters of the magnificent iris, Solomon's Garden at its height of seasonal bloom. "I think the Almightly stopped here for a moment," he mused, "and while he wasn't paying attention, his pockets spilled open with all these wonderful things."

During my last days in Israel I stayed in Ramat Gan with Sara and Yacov. I met Sara three years ago in the airport in Montreal, when she was heading for the West Coast to do some research on the strawberry virus (her field) and I was returning from my first visit to Israel. During the war she and Yacov were one of the four out of 30 families who stayed in their apartment complex, refusing to leave for safe havens elsewhere. In mid-February she had written, "During the day we are brave and go to our work, but at night we are like frightened mice in our sealed rooms."

It was here, in Ramat Gan, that the effects of the war were most apparent, not just in bombed sites, but strikingly in my friends' need to recount the anxieties of the 43 days. I slept in the former sealed room and looked out the same window from which Sara had seen a fireball falling from the sky, a Scud missile. Together we looked at the place nearby where 10 apartment buildings had been, now bare ground. In the evening, when we all walked through Ramban Square — brightly lit, thronged with people enjoying the summer-like weather — I tried to imagine it as it had been not long ago, dark and silent.

Sara and Yacov also gave me the keys to their apartment, and during the day when they went to work, I took the bus to Tel-Aviv to visit the Museum of the Diaspora, where I seemed to be the only Diaspora Jew. Tourists were conspicuously absent here and everywhere, which may explain why Tel-Avivians actually stopped me in the street to inquire, "Can I help you?", as if I deserved special protection.

I walked through Jaffa with Yacov and went to a service at Yacov and Sara's local Orthodox Italian synagogue, small, elegant, high ceilinged, with white interior, and Hanukah lamps on the wall that originally belong to the Finzi-Contini family. The evening before I left, Yacov, a geriatrics psychiatrist, took me to see one of his patients, Osias Hofstatter, the most famous painter in Israel, now in his 80s, whose every work reflects his preoccupation with the Holocaust. He lives with his wife Anna to whom his book is dedicated: "My help / My love and comfort / Anna Hofstatter-Shebestova / My wife and my muse / This book is for you." She converted to Judaism "for the old folks' sake," Hofstatter told me, "and then the Nazis murdered them all."

The next morning at the airport a security officer asked the purpose of my visit to Israel. "To see the spring bloom," I answered, not thinking how strange it must have sounded. "I'm a garden writer," I added, to establish my credibility. "Let's see some of your published work," he challenged. Since all the material I had with me was packed away, I told him about my research into the significance of *maror*, the bitter herbs of Passover, naming the five weeds described in the Talmud, "whose beginning is sweet and whose end is bitter," a mirror in their growth cycle of the Jews' experience in Egypt. The officer shook his head in wonder and appreciation. "So much meaning in such trivial things," he smiled, and waved me on.

I don't know what to make of my latest encounter with Israel from a purely Jewish perspective. I experienced no spiritual awakening. The Passover Seder on the kibbutz combined a pagan celebration of the grain harvest with amateur theatricals, complete with sound system. What was Jewish about my experience? What is Jewish about Israel? Israelis are no closer to deciding whether they define themselves solely by place or by a combination of place and their Jewishness, which for many is an irrelevant vestige of the past. Is the 'Jewish greenhouse' a place for Jews to gather where they can choose not to be Jewish?

These are legitimate questions, but they obscure the fact that Israel is a fascinating country (judged by any standards), appealing in its diversity, energy — apathy is virtually unknown — and struggle with its destiny. Diaspora Jews, the vast majority of whom have never been to Israel, take note: I am not ashamed to say that I go there because I *enjoy* the experience, not because I regard it as an obligation.

Are we one? Probably not, but does it matter? Discover the land behind the glib slogans, behind the slick packaged tours, and the people will draw you in, and without even thinking about it, the gulf will narrow, the bonds will deepen.

The last sight from the plane window is Tel-Aviv in the sun, blocks of houses with solar panels, patches of green, the Mediterranean coastline, waves lapping against the shore... then just blue sky and clouds.

A man in the seat next to me tells me he can solve the country's water problem. He hands me his card: Scientific Products & Technology Limited. He tells me about his roof garden in Tel-Aviv, where he grows avocados, grapes, willows, olives, and wild snapdragons in tufa, a volcanic soil from the Golan.

"Next time you're in town," he says, "come see my garden...".

POETRY by D'vorah Elias

Ani

I am
some woman's cast off
abandoned in a garden
on a cold, January morning
in Seoul, Korea.

I am Jung-Ran Lee
who flourished in a French orphanage,
nurtured by many mothers
who was chosen from the rest
by parents
half a world away.

I am Lee Ann Kobata
who learned her catechism without fault,
who knelt before the altar
every Sunday morning
but who could not swallow the dogma
as easily as the bread
and who felt like a cannibal
for drinking Christ's blood and
eating his flesh.

I am Lee Ann Elias
who lights six candles every Friday eve
and walks to shul on Shabbos
with four children by my side.

I am D'vorah
who wears white on Rosh Hashannah,
who shivers in the succah,
who fries latkes every Chanukah,
who dreads the ritual cleansing of Pesah.
D'vorah, who never makes it through the fast on Yom Kippur.

Ani D'vorah
who rejected the Trinity
and kowtowing before graven images
but who, ten years later,
still longs for mistletoe and holly,
glass globes that shine
on fresh pine boughs

and on soaring pagodas.

Niddah Only Means Separate

The room is stark white, almost sterile.
In the quiet evening I drop the towel
from my body
a virgin once more
and step into the waiting pool.
Spread my fingers wide
pull my feet up to my breasts
and sink down into near nothingness.
One, two, three times.
Reaching back into antiquity
I hold hands with Jewish women
with each immersion.

We are commanded by ancient custom
and though few indulge today,
oh, I revel in it.
A retreating step for womankind
think some who do not know the peace

of a leisurely bath once a month
in a place where there are no telephones;
no children banging on the door.

In solitude I recall my wedding vows,
the promises made to me
and those I pledged in return.
Keeping a tight rein on my husband's love
I ask that we not touch,
except hearts,
twelve days a month.

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